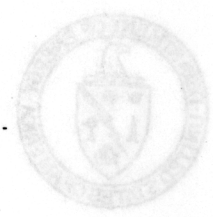




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Mr. Wade Waters, Chair
Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board
308 Pinewood Drive
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Dear Mr. Waters:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation Number 149 – Stakeholder Input to Savannah River Site (SRS) Budget Process

Thank you for submitting the subject recommendation regarding stakeholder input to the SRS budget process. The Department of Energy (DOE) understands the importance of meaningful input in the budget process from planning through budget formulation and execution.

DOE Savannah River Operations Office (SR) will work with the CAB to develop a workable schedule consistent with Office of Management and Budget policy on budget communications with the public. We will also work with DOE Headquarters (HQ) in the development of the schedule. Over the coming months, SR will brief the CAB's Strategic and Long Term Issues Committee on a proposed schedule and will work with the Committee to finalize it by April 19, 2002.

One of our proposed areas of focus in the schedule will be on the Site's integrated planning and budget process including the model utilized by the Site to prioritize environmental management work activities. The model was recently revised to expand the prioritization criteria to include business considerations. We feel the revised model will address some of the issues raised by the CAB in the past. Our schedule will also support the CAB's input into the Site's Integrated Priority List prior to its submittal to HQ.

If you have any questions, please call me or Jim Buice at (803) 725-2263.

Sincerely,

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