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MAY 08 2002

Mr. Wade Waters, Chair
Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board
308 Pinewood Drive
Pooler, GA 31322

Dear Mr. Waters:

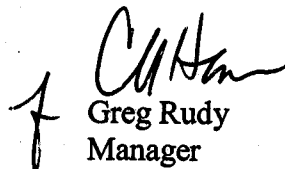
SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation Number 153 - Transuranic (TRU) Waste Priority and Off-Site Shipments

Thank you for your recommendation regarding an accelerated schedule for removing TRU waste at the Savannah River Site (SRS). SRS made its first Fiscal Year 2002 (FY02) TRU waste shipment to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) on April 5, 2002, and expects to meet its baseline schedule of 12 shipments for FY02.

The Department of Energy (DOE) is also working on accelerating TRU waste shipments to WIPP along with expediting the design and construction of needed facilities to repack, characterize, and certify TRU waste for shipment at SRS. This acceleration of the TRU Waste Program is one of DOE's Cleanup Reform Initiatives that is currently being evaluated for funding. In addition, I am coordinating with DOE Headquarters in responding to you on items 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 of this recommendation. We will update the CAB on the status of our Cleanup Reform Initiatives by the next full board meeting.

If you have any questions, please call me at (803) 725-2405 or Bert Crapse at (803) 725-9866.

Sincerely,


Greg Rudy
Manager

OC-02-042

memorandum

DATE: MAY 08 2002

REPLY TO

ATTN OF: WOD (Crapse, 803/725-9866)

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation Number 153 - Transuranic (TRU) Waste

TO: Jessie Roberson, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management (EM-1), HQ

The Savannah River Site (SRS) CAB Recommendation Number 153 (attached), regarding accelerating TRU waste shipments from SRS, was adopted at their quarterly meeting on April 23, 2002. The CAB has requested a response from DOE Headquarters for items 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 of this recommendation. We have previously discussed these items with your staff and will assist in preparing the response to these items at your request. A response to this recommendation should be sent directly to the CAB prior to their July 2002 meeting.

Please contact me with any questions at (803) 725-2405 or have your staff contact Bert Crapse at (803) 725-9866.

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Attachment:

CAB Recommendation Number 153


Greg Rudy
Manager