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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 155 - Transuranic (TRU) Waste Acceleration**

Thank you for your recommendation regarding the disposal of TRU waste. Savannah River Site made its third TRU waste shipment to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) on August 2, 2002, and expects to meet its baseline schedule of 12 shipments plus 4 additional shipments in fiscal year 2002.

We continue to work closely with the Carlsbad Field Office (CBFO) and with Headquarters to ensure resources are available to implement the Environmental Management Program Performance Management Plan proposals WM-3 and WM-4 to accelerate TRU waste shipments to WIPP (Recommendation 1).

Additionally, the Department of Energy is working on initiatives identified in the Top-to-Bottom Review of the Environmental Management Program. Recommendation 2 on raising the TRU waste threshold level is an appropriate topic to be addressed under the Special Project Team for Managing Waste to Reduce Risk (other than SNF and HLW). My staff is coordinating with the Project Manager, Mr. Reinhard Knerr, of the CBFO, to provide you a response. We will update the CAB on the status of this once the team work plan is established.

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

Sincerely,

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