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Mr. Wade Waters, Chair
SRS Citizens Advisory Board
308 Pinewood Dr.
Pooler, GA 31322

SUBJECT: South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control response to
the Citizens Advisory Board Recommendation 159 – Salt Disposition

Dear Mr. Waters:

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) has received the Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) recommendation 159. The recommendation requests DHEC to participate in a short series of meetings to discuss the disposition of the salt waste component of the High Level Waste stream at the SRS. Although DHEC will not complete its review of this project until the ongoing litigation regarding this issue is concluded, we appreciate the opportunity to inform the Board of the concerns DHEC has with the current proposal to dispose of High Level Waste in the Saltstone facility at SRS. We look forward to participating in these discussions so all parties can better understand all aspects of this difficult and complicated issue. We appreciate the Board's input and wish to encourage continued active participation in the challenging issues we face in the regulation of the cleanup at the Savannah River Site. If you need further assistance, please contact Keith Collinsworth of my staff at (803) 896-8955.

Sincerely,

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