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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 160 – Burning
Paper Pellets in A-Area Boilers

Thank you for your recommendation regarding the burning of paper pellets in our onsite boilers. The Savannah River Site (SRS) intends to pursue burning paper pellets and is working with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) to perform the required source test burn as soon as possible to ensure the emissions remain within limits. Another opportunity to complete regulatory testing (source test burn) of the paper pellets is being scheduled for some time in late May. Based on this schedule, the submittal of the source test data to SCDHEC will occur in late June.

The SRS submitted to the SCDHEC trial test burn data of the resulting ash, which demonstrated that there is no regulatory improvement from using alternate paper pellet fuel. Therefore, the ash basin permits must continue with their current classification as an industrial solid waste landfill. We will continue to keep the Waste Management Committee updated on our progress.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Mackmull at (803) 725-3817.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jeffrey M. Allison", is positioned above the printed name.

Jeffrey M. Allison
Manager