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

Dear Mr. Waters:

Thank you for your May 21, 2003, letter concerning the Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation 161. In that recommendation you request Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) support for the shutdown of the F and H Area extraction/reinjection system.

As you may know, the F and H Area groundwater project is being executed under the Savannah River Site's Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Permit with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC). EPA is aware that SCDHEC is currently evaluating the merits of various alternatives to the current extraction/reinjection system. While EPA will be coordinating with SCDHEC on this matter and providing technical support as requested, the State of South Carolina will ultimately make the decision on how to proceed with groundwater cleanup at F and H Area under the State RCRA Permit.

We appreciate the CAB's continued involvement in the cleanup efforts at the Savannah River Site. If EPA may be of further assistance, please feel free to contact Dawn Taylor at 404/562-8575.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. I. Palmer, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

J. I. Palmer, Jr.  
Regional Administrator

cc: Keith Collinsworth  
SCDHEC/EQC-ADM