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Mr. Wade Waters, Chair Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board 308 Pinewood Drive Pooler, GA 31411

Dear Mr. Waters:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation Number 166-Historic Preservation at Savannah River Site (SRS) (Your letter 7/23/03)

Thank you for your recommendations on the SRS Historic Preservation Program. The Department of Energy-Savannah River Operations Office (DOE-SR) has and will continue to involve the stakeholders in the historic preservation effort at SRS. The information gained from this process is now being integrated into the Programmatic Agreement (PA). I would like to respond to the CAB's two recommendations, with the two areas of discussion below:

- 1. Public Input Prior to the Completion of the PA: Two public workshops on historic preservation of SRS Cold War resources were announced using newspaper articles, bulletins, and a mailing to over 430 potentially interested groups and individuals. Cards were included for the public to return, if they wanted to continue to receive information related to the SRS Cold War history; to date over 70 cards have been returned. These workshops were held on July 8 and 10, 2003, with about 25 citizens (the total from both workshops) attending. Input from these two workshops and other written comments received will be used to revise the draft PA, as appropriate. Future public involvement will include briefings to the CAB on an annual basis and public workshops when deemed necessary throughout the deactivation process. This will be included in the PA.
- CAB Input to the PA: DOE-SR will provide the draft PA to the CAB concurrent with providing it to the State Historic Preservation Office and Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Dennis Godbee, of my staff, at (803) 952-7919.

Sincerely,

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