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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 168 – R-Area Reactor Seepage Basin (Your letter 7/23/03)

Thank you for your recommendation on the R-Reactor Seepage Basins Proposed Plan. The Department of Energy – Savannah River Operations Office (DOE-SR) is committed to a common sense approach of aligning remedial alternatives with site conditions. DOE-SR also supports cost effective remedial actions that accelerate cleanup while being protective of human health and the environment such as the preferred alternative of an intruder barrier and mixing zone application that are proposed for these basins. DOE-SR will continue to work closely with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control in proposing remedial actions that meet the criteria of this recommendation.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Alice Doswell of my staff at (803) 952-6263.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Jeffrey M. Allison", is written over a large, stylized checkmark.

Jeffrey M. Allison
Manager