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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 169 – Draft West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP) Waste Management Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Thank you for your recommendation regarding the Draft WVDP Waste Management EIS. We have forwarded the Recommendation to Mr. Dan Sullivan, the WVDP National Environmental Policy Act Compliance Officer. He has committed to you, by his letter dated June 30, 2003, to fully consider the CAB comments in preparing the Final WVDP Waste Management EIS.

Your recommendation outlines conditions to be met in order for the Department of Energy (DOE), Savannah River Operations Office (SR) to accept High-Level Waste (HLW) and Transuranic (TRU) Waste from WVDP for interim storage. I agree that the Savannah River Site (SRS) is not presently prepared to accept HLW or TRU Waste from WVDP for interim storage. Should DOE select Alternative 2, SR would engage in discussions with the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, the WVDP, the Carlsbad Field Office, the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, and regulatory agencies as required. These discussions would help SR ensure that funding, shipping containers, required storage space, and shipping and storage facilities would be available such that SRS could receive, store, and ship West Valley and SR HLW and TRU Waste for disposal. SR would consider each of the conditions the CAB describes in Recommendation 169 in any such discussions.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Andrew Grainger, of my staff, at (803) 952-8001.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jeffrey M. Allison".

Jeffrey M. Allison
Manager

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cc: Dan Sullivan, WVDP