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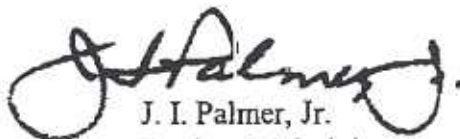
Dear Mr. Waters:

Thank you for your July 23, 2003, letter concerning the Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation 169. In that recommendation you request the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) acceptance of shipments of Transuranic Waste and High Level Waste to the Savannah River Site (SRS) from the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP) with certain conditions.

As you know, the draft WVDP Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is still under review. Final decisions regarding the alternatives under consideration have not yet been made. As the process moves forward, EPA will take all recommendations from the CAB under consideration. While EPA will be coordinating with the Department of Energy (DOE) and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, the ultimate decision will be made by the DOE.

We appreciate the CAB's continued involvement in the cleanup efforts at SRS. If EPA may be of further assistance, please feel free to contact Dawn Taylor, at 404/562-8575, or Robert H. Pope, at 404/562-8506.

Sincerely,


J. I. Palmer, Jr.
Regional Administrator