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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 173 – High Level
Waste Classification (Your letter, 09/29/03)

Thank you for your Recommendation regarding HLW Classification. We appreciate the CAB's support relative to the proposed legislation. Whereas, the Department of Energy (DOE) Headquarters (HQ) has the lead for developing the legislative language on the HLW issue, the Savannah River Operations Office (SR) will inform HQ of your desire to involve stakeholders and regulators in the decision making process.

The CAB further recommends that SR continue to work with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) on tank closure activities under the Clean Water Act provisions. SR is in fact continuing to work with SCDHEC on the operational closure of Tanks 18 and 19. We welcome the opportunity to brief you on this effort at the next CAB meeting.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or Larry Ling, of my staff, at (803) 208-6485.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jeff M. Allison", is written over a horizontal line.

Jeffrey M. Allison
Manager

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cc: D. Haygood, WSRC (CAB Files)