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Ms. Donna Antonucci, Chairperson Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board

Dear Ms. Antonucci:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation Number 177 – Department of Energy (DOE) Spent Nuclear Fuel (SNF) Disposition at the Savannah River Site (SRS), (Your letter, 11/19/03)

Thank you for your recommendation concerning disposition of SNF at SRS. Following suspension of activities on the melt and dilute technology development, the Office of Environmental Management (EM) has been working to better define a fully integrated approach toward SNF management and disposition.

On January 30, 2008, Mr. James Rispoli approved the Savannah River Baseline including the Enriched Uranium Disposition Project. H-Canyon will be used to process Highly Enriched Uranium and the aluminum clad SNF currently stored in L-Area. The non-aluminum clad SNF will be shipped to Idaho National Laboratory for an equitable amount of aluminum clad SNF to be returned to SRS for processing in H-Canyon.

An Amended Record of Decision, stating that H-Canyon will be the preferred alternative for SNF disposition, is expected this spring. SNF disposition and the SNF transfers are scheduled to begin in October 2009.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or Robert Edwards of my staff, at (803) 208-3534.

Sincerely.

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cc: M. Bettencourt