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Ms. Jean Sulc, Chair Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board 24 Harbor River Circle St. Helena Island, South Carolina 29920

Dear Ms. Sulc:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation Number 183 - Glass Waste Storage Building (GWSB) #1 and #2 Long-Term Impact (Your letter, 01/28/04)

Thank you for your recommendation regarding GWSB #1 and #2 Long-Term Impact.

We will address the Board's concerns, by the end of April 2004, regarding adequate contingency for the GWSB #2 construction project such that operation of the Defense Waste Processing Facility (DWPF) will not be negatively impacted.

Further, on or before September 28, 2004, we will address the anticipated safety and environmental impacts associated with the following assumption: loss of institutional controls; failure to open a Federal repository to accept DWPF canisters; and DWPF canisters remain at the Savannah River Site past the design life of GWSB #1 and #2.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or Charles Hansen, of my staff, at (803) 208-6072.

Sincerely,

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