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Mr. Bob Slay, Chairperson SRS Citizens Advisory Board P.O. Box 192 Beech Island, SC 29842

SUBJ: Citizens Advisory Board, Recommendation #18

Dear Mr. Slay:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received and reviewed the Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) recommendation regarding the treatment and stabilization of transuranic waste (TRU) at SRS.

This recommendation does not directly impact the EPA in its oversight capacity. However, EPA commends both the SRS and the CAB in utilizing a body such as the Independent Blue Ribbon Panel. The EPA believes that such reviews and informationsharing on issues such as TRU can further the goals of partnering and greatly enhance the knowledge-base regarding environmental restoration and cleanup activities at SRS.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this matter. We hope that future actions of the CAB continue to be protective of both health and the environment. If you need further assistance, please contact me.

Tohn Hankinson Jr

Regional Administrator

cc: Gerri Flemming, DOE, SRS