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Ms. Jean Sulc, Chairperson  
Savannah River Site Citizen's Advisory Board  
24 Harbor River Circle  
St. Helena Island, SC 29920

Dear Ms. Sulc:

**SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation 191, Modified Salt Waste Disposition Strategy (Your Letter, 5/27/04)**

We have received and reviewed the subject recommendation regarding the Savannah River Site's (SRS's) salt waste disposal program. We appreciate your continued support for accelerating the cleanup of the high level waste system at SRS.

With respect to your first recommendation, the Department of Energy (DOE) provided the CAB a presentation on the impact to cost and schedule of delays in the Salt Waste Processing Facility design activities at your July meeting. DOE intends to implement the modified salt waste disposition strategy to the extent possible in Fiscal Year (FY) 2004. As you are aware, the United States Senate has passed the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization Bill containing significant language about tank closure at SRS. The bill must now be reconciled in conference with the House of Representatives. SRS is awaiting final action on this legislative proposal to determine what impacts there may be on implementation of the modified salt strategy.

If you have any questions, please contact me or have your staff contact Charles A. Hansen at (803) 208-6072.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jeffrey M. Allison".

Jeffrey M. Allison  
Manager

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cc:

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