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Ms. Jean Sulc, Chair
Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board
24 Harbor River Circle
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Dear Ms. Sulc:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation Number 192 – Prioritizing Dactivation and Dcommissioning (D&D) Activities

Thank you for your continued interest in our projects at the Savannah River Site (SRS). I appreciate your interest in the D&D project, as it represents a significant element of our Accelerated Cleanup Plan. The following specific information is provided:

The first part of your recommendation concerned the D&D prioritization policy/strategy and your interest in ensuring the focus is on risk mitigation and reduction, not merely on reducing the Site "footprint." The strategy for the D&D project at SRS is driven by area closure and backed by risk elimination and cost-effectiveness. As missions are completed in an area, the D&D project strategy is to deactivate and decommission as many of the mission and mission support facilities as is practicable. This is why our near-term focus is on D&D in T-, D-, and M-Areas, where operations ceased years ago, and F-Area, which is in the process of shutting down operations. The order and timing must be supported by the opportunity (facility availability) and resources (labor and equipment) necessary to perform the work. All of these factors must be integrated to develop a project that can be logically executed. Throughout the project, we continually reassess and do make changes to account for new information or changes as time progresses. Going forward, the D&D project will follow closely behind the completion of missions in other Site areas, thus minimizing or completely avoiding the surveillance and maintenance costs for facilities no longer in operation or needed to support Site missions.

The second part of your recommendation requested the Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office (DOE-SR) to provide the CAB and general public additional details on its D&D prioritization activities and the cost-benefit analysis supporting that prioritization. DOE-SR will provide a detailed briefing on our prioritization process at the July 27, 2004, CAB meeting.

We will continue to keep the CAB apprised of D&D activities through briefings at board meetings and through the involvement with the Facilities Disposition and Site Remediation Committee.

Thank you for your continued interest. If you have any questions, please contact me or Ms. Helen Belencan at (803) 952-8696.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Jeffrey M. Allison".

Jeffrey M. Allison
Manager

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