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Mr. Robert H. Slay, Chairperson
SRS Citizens Advisory Board
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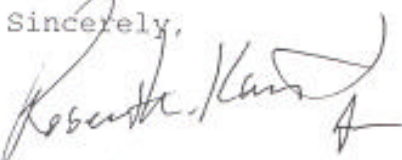
Re: Citizens' Advisory Board Recommendations 17 and 19.

Dear Mr. Slay:

Please accept the attached as the Department's response to the Savannah River Site Citizens' Advisory Board Recommendations 17 and 19.

We appreciate the input of the Board.

Sincerely,



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Deputy Commissioner
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cc: Camilla Warren
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South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
Response to the Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board
Recommendation 17

The Department concurs that the DOE should address issues which would affect the health and safety of the public, workers, and the environment, and that they have a responsibility to assure this. The Department views compliance with the Federal Facilities Agreement, permits, and other agreements as the mechanism to achieve this goal. The Department maintains its position of renegotiating commitments based on funding shortfalls only when DOE demonstrates that they did not receive the appropriate funding from Congress. Finally, we concur that finding efficiencies and additional funding should be fully explored and will continue working with DOE and EPA to explore ways to reduce costs.