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January 20, 2005

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

RE: Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board  
Recommendation 200

Dear Ms. Sulc:

Thank you for the Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation 200 concerning management of residuals generated from treatability studies at the Savannah River National Laboratory. While three of the four parts in the recommendation were directed to the Department of Energy, part two of the recommendation requested that "SCDHEC provide a status update on its evaluation of the treatability study exclusion to the SRS CAB on or before January 25, 2005." The purpose of this letter is to provide the requested status update.

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) has been evaluating the regulatory status of residues that were shipped back to the Hanford site after completion of a treatability study conducted at SRS. This issue was raised during a SCDHEC hazardous waste inspection of SRS in the summer of 2004. Based on the information evaluated to date, SCDHEC is not pursuing enforcement action on any issues noted in the above referenced inspection, including the residue return issue.

If you have any questions, please contact Shelly Sherritt at (803) 896-8955.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Commissioner  
Environmental Quality Control

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