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

SUBJECT: Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation #203
– The Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) Process – Early Involvement of Stakeholders

Thank you for the subject recommendation regarding early stakeholder involvement in cleanup decision making under the FFA. My response to both parts of the recommendation is below.

Part one requested that the Department of Energy (DOE) present to the SRS CAB by January 25, 2005, and annually thereafter, a list of planned corrective measures/feasibility studies or engineering evaluations/cost analyses for remedial and removal actions, and work with the SRS CAB and stakeholders to identify all sites that warrant early and continued public involvement for the upcoming year.

DOE will ensure that a list of planned response actions, whether removal or remedial, is provided to the SRS CAB, via the Facility Disposition and Site Remediation Committee, by January 25, 2005, and annually thereafter. This will help the SRS CAB to identify well in advance the upcoming cleanup decisions that may warrant early public understanding and participation.

Part two requested that DOE revise the *FFA Implementation Plan* (FIP) to incorporate a public participation process based upon SRS CAB and stakeholder input.

DOE stands by the public participation policy that was expressed in the FIP, which is consistent with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and DOE guidance. However, that document has been replaced with many technical protocols developed during the past several years to address emerging issues and by the *Savannah River Site Community Relations Plan* (CRP). Since the FIP has not been updated since 1996, I will evaluate revising the CRP to include an up-to-date public involvement strategy. By January 25, 2005, I will present the results of that evaluation with a schedule (if needed).

If you have any questions, please call me or Mr. Brian Hennessey at (803) 952-8365.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jeffrey M. Allison".

Jeffrey M. Allison
Manager

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