

## Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. Bob Slay, Chairperson Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board P.O. Box 192 Beech Island, SC 29842

## Dear Mr. Slay:

Dr. Mario Fiori

Thank you for your letter of May 16, 1996, providing the Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board's recommendation on the Storage and Disposition of Weapons-Usable Fissile Materials Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS). The Board's review is appreciated and will help make the final PEIS a better product.

Your comments along with others received by the Department during the draft PEIS review period, will be addressed in a comment response volume to be issued as part of the final PEIS. All comments received will be given serious consideration by the Department and will lead to modifications of the document as appropriate.

The Department is scheduled to issue a Record of Decision on the storage and disposition of weapons usable fissile materials late this year following the issuance of the final PEIS. Decisions will be based not only on environmental analysis, but also on cost, schedule, technical, and nonproliferation analyses that are being conducted in parallel with the PEIS.

We appreciate your interest in the Fissile Materials Disposition Program. If you have any questions or desire additional information, please feel free to contact me at (202) 586-2695.

Sincerely,

Greg Rudy Acting Director

Office of Fissile Materials Disposition