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Ms. Jean Sulc, Chair  
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Dear Ms. Sulc:

**SUBJECT:** Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation Number 210 – Savannah River Site (SRS) Non-drummed Transuranic (TRU) Waste (Your letter, 3/30/05)

Thank you for your recommendation regarding the SRS non-drummed TRU waste program. On February 15, 2005, the Department of Energy (DOE) updated the Waste Management Committee on non-drummed TRU waste and identified the three key activities needed for SRS to be successful in disposing TRU waste in large containers. Two of those key activities as identified by the CAB in your recommendation are: 1) the characterization/certification process equipment for large container waste, and 2) the repackaging of large waste containers into Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) approved standard large boxes. The third key activity is the deployment of TRU Package Transporter-III (TRUPACT-III) for shipping the large container waste to the WIPP. If successful, the DOE plans to ship all of the legacy TRU waste by the 2009 - 2010 time frame.

In Recommendation 210, the CAB identified two parts that I would like to address:

Part 1 requests that DOE accelerate the non-drummed certification process so that an approved program for TRUPACT-III package certification is in place well before October 2007.

DOE agrees with the CAB and has scheduled the non-drummed certification process to be ready to receive waste containers by August 2006.

Part 2 requests that SRS continue to repackage non-drummed TRU waste so a supply of packages prepared for TRUPACT-III certification and shipment is ready before October 2007.

DOE agrees with the CAB and has scheduled 20 large black boxes to be repackaged by the end of Fiscal Year 2005 and all large container waste in WIPP approved containers by October 2007.

If you have any questions, please contact me or have your staff contact Charlie Hansen at (803) 208-6072.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jeffrey M. Allison".

Jeffrey M. Allison  
Manager