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

SUBJECT: Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board  
Recommendation #221  
Loss of Expertise to Support SRS Clean Up

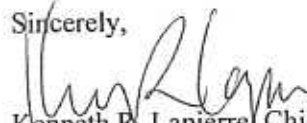
Dear Ms. Sulc:

Thank you for your recommendation concerning the effects of the loss of expertise on soil and groundwater and decommissioning activities at the Savannah River Site (SRS). The recommendation requests that EPA Region 4 provide the Citizen's Advisory Board (CAB) any concerns about the loss of experienced remediation professionals at SRS and the potential slippage that this loss of resources could have on the FFA schedule. As you are aware, EPA is actively engaged with SRS and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) on all aspects related to the cleanup at the site. At this time, it is EPA's understanding that the Savannah River Ecology Laboratory is performing limited Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 work scope for the SRS Soils and Groundwater Project and the loss of expertise is not anticipated to impact projected waste site/area closure projects and schedules.

Annually, DOE submits to EPA and SCDHEC Appendix D (current FY commitments) and Appendix E (long-term projections). All but Appendix E.3 are enforceable commitments under the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA). The FFA provides for stipulated penalties if the commitments are not met. It is DOE's responsibility to meet the cleanup project schedules agreed to by the three parties that are enforceable under the FFA. EPA expects that DOE will continue to manage changes in contractor organizations and the potential loss of expertise to ensure that these enforceable commitments are achieved, and that there is no impact on waste site/area closure projects and schedules.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Dawn Taylor of my staff at (404) 562-8575 or by email at [taylor.dawn@epa.gov](mailto:taylor.dawn@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

  
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