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Ms. Jean Sulc, Chair  
Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board  
24 Harbor River Circle  
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RE: Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board  
Recommendations 221 and 222

Dear Ms. Sulc:

Thank you for the Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation 221, "Loss of Expertise to Support SRS Clean Up", and Recommendation 222, "Classified Information Issues in DOE-EM Cleanup Activities at the SRS". Attached please find the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control responses to these two recommendations.

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

Sincerely,

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Deputy Commissioner  
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**Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board**  
**Recommendation 221**  
**Loss of Expertise to Support SRS Clean Up**

Item 2 of this recommendation requests that "By this same date, SCDHEC and EPA provide any concerns about the loss of experienced remediation professionals at SRS and the potential slippage that this loss of resource could have on the FFA schedule."

The SCDHEC does not offer any comment on Department of Energy management of its personnel or contractors. The SCDHEC expects DOE to manage personnel and contracts in a manner that ensures sufficient resources to cleanup the site in accordance with the currently approved FFA schedule. Any changes in personnel or contractor support should be administered so that there is minimal disruption in the SRS cleanup process and current cleanup milestones are attained or accelerated.

**Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board**  
**Recommendation 222**  
**Classified Information Issues in DOE-EM Cleanup Activities at the SRS**

Item 3 of this recommendation requests that "By this same date, the regulatory agencies (EPA-IV and SCDHEC) present to the SRS CAB how such classified information is being and will be disseminated to facilitate proper management review of SRS D&D and cleanup projects. Of particular interest is how are uncleared directors, bureau chiefs, and others in the direct management line made aware of significant or pertinent classified information, which is known and managed by cleared staff members under them."

Classified information is not generally maintained at SCDHEC offices. SCDHEC personnel may view classified information under the management of SRS in order to make decisions. SCDHEC staff is authorized by their management to make certain levels of decisions without management knowledge of the information details. If a decision requires upper management participation, the affected upper management must have the necessary security clearance to review the information pertinent to the decision. The need for SCDHEC staff to view classified information in the past has been rare, usually related to emergency response, nuclear material questions or cleanup evaluations. Due to the recent increase in need for security clearance authorization related to cleanup evaluations, several SCDHEC staff and managers are pursuing acquisition of the necessary security clearance approval.