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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 222 –
Classified Information Issues in DOE-EM Cleanup Activities at SRS

Thank you for your recommendation concerning classified information in Environmental Management cleanup activities at SRS. My response to each part of your recommendation is as follows:

Part 1. By January 26, 2006, Department of Energy (DOE) describe the unclassified format it will use to disseminate deactivation and decommissioning (D&D) and cleanup information containing potentially pertinent, but classified details to the general public.

Most D&D and environmental cleanup documents can be written without the need to include classified information. However, if it is necessary to create a classified document, the following DOE policy will be followed. To the maximum extent practical, the originator of a document containing classified information shall include the unclassified portions in the primary document and shall separate the classified portions into attachments, appendixes, or supporting documents. If such separation is not practical and there is significant public interest in the document, the originator will prepare an unclassified version of the document.

Part 2. By this same date, DOE provide a list of future D&D and environmental cleanup projects that may have classified information associated with them and discuss if such information might have a potential impact on cleanup schedules and area closures.

Although some DOE facilities may have classified information associated with them, the classified information will not impact cleanup schedules and area closures.

Part 3. By this same date, the regulatory agencies (Environmental Protection Agency [EPA]-IV and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (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.

This part of the recommendation has been forwarded to EPA Region 4 and SCDHEC. EPA Region 4 and SCDHEC will respond directly to the CAB regarding this part of the recommendation.

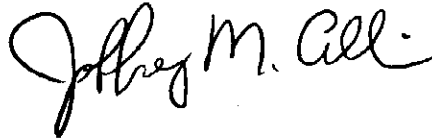
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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Helen Belencan, of my staff, at (803) 952-8696.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey M. Allison". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jeffrey M. Allison
Manager

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