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

Dear Ms. Sulc:

**SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board Recommendation Number 223 – Plutonium Consolidation  
– Government Accountability Office Report**

Thank you for your Recommendation concerning Plutonium Consolidation at the Savannah River Site. Your recommendation items and my responses are shown below:

My response to your specific recommendation is as follows:

1. Develop a comprehensive strategic plan to consolidate, store and eventually dispose of its plutonium no longer needed for the nuclear weapons program. The plan to develop the strategy must include a public participation component. The Department of Energy shall develop the disposition plan with input from the public and consideration of the public's concerns.

As part of the development process, public comments will be sought prior to implementation of the plan.

2. As part of the Nuclear Materials Disposition and Consolidation Coordination Committee Strategic Plan, evaluate building a dedicated robust facility capable of storing and monitoring excess plutonium as well as processing the material for eventual shipment to Yucca Mountain.

As part of the development of the strategic plan, all options, including new construction, will be evaluated. A copy of your recommendation will be forwarded to the committee chair as an input to the process.

3. By November 15, 2005, provide specifics on the Nuclear Materials Disposition and Consolidation Coordination Committee, including the working titles of reports that will be developed and the timeline for their development; the timeline, with milestones, for the development and approval of the strategic plan; the members of the committee; and, the roles and responsibilities of the committee members.

Ms. Sulc

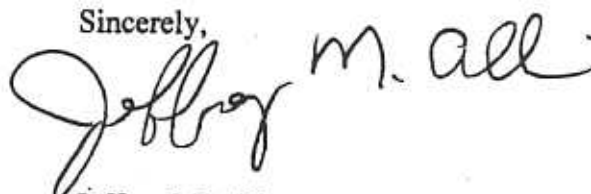
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We will gladly share with you any information which is available by that date. However, as I expect that the Committee's efforts to last for an extended period, some if this information may not be available until sometime next year.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Randall Ponik of my staff at (803) 208-3973.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeffrey M. Allison". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the printed name.

Jeffrey M. Allison  
Manager

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