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Mr. Robert H. Slay
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Dear Mr. Slay:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board's (CAB) Recommendation Number 22 - Based on Review of Old F-Area Seepage Basin Environmental Remediation (ER) Plans

Thank you for submitting the subject recommendations. We will take the following steps to implement your recommendations:

- The Savannah River Site (SRS), in concert with the Environmental Protection Agency and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, will evaluate in the ER Soil Consolidation Alternatives Study the feasibility of utilizing the contaminated soil removed from the ER Surface Units as stabilization material in support of future high-level waste tanks closures. Current activities in support of tank closures in Fiscal Year (FY) 1996 and FY 1997 have progressed beyond the point where the subject recommendation would be practicable and not impactive.
- SRS believes that the program as currently laid out is responsive to point 2 of the recommendations. In particular, SRS is committed to begin remediation in 1997 of the evaluated ER sites that are believed to constitute 80% of the risk. SRS will continue to explore ways to streamline post-Record of Decision activities utilizing innovative managerial processes (e.g., Basic Ordering Agreement, Necessary and Sufficient Standards).
- The outcome of the evaluation referenced in bullet 1 will be included in a subsequent revision of the SRS ER Management Action Plan.

Again, thank you for your recommendations.

Sincerely,

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