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Ms. Karen Patterson, Chair  
Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board  
1103 Conger Drive  
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Dear Ms. Patterson:

**SUBJECT: Savannah River Site (SRS) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation 235  
– Nuclear Materials Stabilization – H-Canyon and HB-Line (Your letter, 07/26/06)**

Thank you for your recommendation concerning the H-Canyon and HB-Line activities. My response to your recommendation is as follows:

- 1. Department of Energy (DOE) aggressively pursue alternatives to keep the H-Area assets (people, and equipment) actively conducting risk reduction such as stabilizing and dispositioning legacy nuclear materials.**

I appreciate the CAB's interest on effectively using H-Area assets to actively achieve risk reduction by stabilizing and dispositioning our nation's legacy nuclear materials. We are actively and aggressively pursuing H-Canyon/HB-Line missions for the future to take full advantage of these key SRS resources. In the coming months, we will ensure that the CAB is kept apprised of the progress, the Department's plans for the facilities, and its proposed stabilization and disposition campaigns.

- 2. DOE provide timely updates on potential missions for the H-Canyon and HB-Line.**

It is the intent of SRS to share as much information as possible with the CAB when new missions are being explored. As updates become available on potential missions for the H-Canyon and HB-Line, we will share those promptly with the Chair of the CAB Nuclear Materials Committee, and we will also plan to discuss potential missions (within classification, and Operations Security limits) at future CAB and Nuclear Materials Committee meetings. Again, I greatly appreciate the active CAB interest, involvement, and advice on how best to utilize our H-Area facilities.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Mr. H. Allen Gunter, of my staff, at (803) 208-3975.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jeffrey M. Allison".

Jeffrey M. Allison  
Manager

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