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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:** Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation Number 237 – High Level Waste (HLW) Risk Reduction Efforts (Your letter, 7/26/06)

Thank you for your recommendation titled HLW Risk Reduction Efforts. My response to each part of Recommendation 237 is provided below:

**Part 1. DOE and SCDHEC work to resolve the existing stalemate so that the draft permits for DDA can be issued by August 15, 2006, with the final issuance date of October 15, 2006.**

The Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office (DOE-SR) is committed to implementing the Deliquification, Dissolution, and Adjustment (DDA) process and Liquid Waste Disposition Processing Plan, and continues to work closely with representatives of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) to obtain permits needed to initiate salt disposition activities.

**Part 2. DOE provide the status of the actions taken to resolve the stalemate to the SRS CAB Waste Management Committee meeting on August 15, 2006.**

At the CAB Waste Management Committee (WMC) meeting on August 15, 2006, Mr. Terry Spears, DOE-SR Assistant Manager for Waste Disposition Project, provided the status of actions to resolve issues relating to obtaining liquid waste disposition permits. Until resolved, Mr. Spears, or one of his staff, will keep the CAB WMC apprised of ongoing coordination efforts with SCDHEC to obtain permits.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Doug Hintze, of my staff, at (803) 208-6076.

Sincerely,

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Manager

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