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Mr. Manuel Bettencourt, Chairperson
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47 Hickory Forest Drive
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Dear Mr. Bettencourt:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation 268 – Continuation of the Savannah River Site (SRS) Superfund Job Training Initiative (SJTI)

The Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office (DOE-SR) is pleased to receive the referenced recommendation concerning SRS SJTI.

1. The CAB recommends that DOE continue the work initiated by the SJTI (team by supporting the Environmental Protection Agency [EPA]) as it funds additional job training for a new group of underserved citizens taken from the areas hard-hit by the recession. These could be part of the group already pre-cleared to be considered for a job at SRS.

The EPA and DOE are committed to a second iteration of the SJTI at SRS in 2010.

2. The CAB recommends that DOE should fund a similar program modeled after the EPA program; alternatively, work with EPA to expand the EPA program and fund it jointly by EPA and DOE.

Funding is currently available.

3. The CAB recommends that DOE take steps to increase participation in this initiative site-wide among SRS contractors.

DOE will give all Site contractors the opportunity to participate in the program and will seek input to identify workforce needs and customize the training curriculum to build around those needs.

4. The CAB recommends that DOE take steps to assure workers hired under this program will receive consideration for long-term employment.

All steps will be taken to assure workers hired under this program will receive consideration for long-term employment.

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5. Report back to CAB on status by June 2010.

EPA and DOE plan to report back to the CAB in June 2010.

Sincerely,



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