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Dear Dr. Bridges:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation Number 316 – Savannah River National Laboratory (SRNL) Future Planning (Your letter, 11/20/2013)

Thank you for your recommendation, "Savannah River National Laboratory Future Planning." The Department of Energy, Savannah River Operations Office (DOE-SR) accepts your recommendation and provides the following responses to the recommendation:

1. *Develop a Plan of Conceptual Ideas ("thinking outside the box") for areas that expand the role of the Lab and describe how some of these ideas and plans could be further developed.*
 - This is an ongoing activity, led by the DOE-SR Manager and embodied in *Enterprise•Srs* as well as SRNL's continuing development of new initiatives through their strategic planning efforts. SRNL's Strategic Plan, dated 2009, is currently being updated to align with *Enterprise•Srs*.
2. *Review some of the other National Laboratories (INL, LLNL, LANL) future planning for ideas and concepts that may be useful in further defining an enhanced SRNL role.*
 - Ideas and concepts from other National Laboratories are reviewed during interactions with SRNL's External Advisory Board. The Board is comprised of former senior executives with extensive experience in the DOE and national laboratory system. The Board meets quarterly and provides SRNL with recommendations to enhance SRNL. In addition, SRNL is engaged in partnerships with several labs, most notably, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL), Sandia National Laboratory, and Los Alamos National Laboratory. An example is the partnership with PNNL in addressing Fukushima waste issues.
3. *Present such a plan to HQ Environmental Management and other program offices such Nuclear Energy and Science for guidance and feasibility.*
 - DOE-SR and SRNL have presented a vision statement, defined core products and competencies, and strategic business initiatives during ongoing interactions with HQ EM as well as other program offices. The DOE Office of Nuclear Energy (NE) and Office of Science (SC) currently provide funding support to SRNL at over a million dollars. Both DOE-SR and SRNL continue to interact with NE and SC as well as the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy to identify additional areas that will enhance SRNL's role. In addition, the SRNL Director is a member of the executive committee of the Secretary's Lab Policy Council, which directly advises the Secretary on laboratory matters.

4. *Advise the CAB of your present plans for increased funding and new missions.*

- The SRNL Director or Deputy Director will be pleased to present this information to the CAB on an annual basis and will be suggested as part of the CAB work plan for 2014.

5. *Start a public outreach initiative, to include educational institutions (elementary through university level), to publicize their historical achievements, patents, national research & development awards, and accomplishments to reduce the current and future costs of Environmental Management operations at Savannah River Site (SRS).*

- SRNL is preparing to launch a new website, engaging with several universities, notably the University of South Carolina and University of South Carolina-Aiken, to increase collaboration and directly support the Citizens for Nuclear Technology Awareness in efforts to broaden public outreach, leading a panel during its Nuclear Science Week event. SRNL is working with DOE-SR to better publicize its contribution to reduction of EM costs at SRS.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Terry Spears of my staff at (803) 208-6072.

Sincerely,



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