

APR 16 1997

Ms. Ann Loadholt, Chairperson
Citizens Advisory Board
P.O. Box 365
Barnwell, South Carolina 29812

Dear Ms. Loadholt:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation Number 33 - Fiscal Year (FY)
1999 Budget Prioritization

On behalf of the Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office, I am pleased to accept the subject recommendation regarding the Savannah River Site's (SRS) Budget Prioritization Model/Process for FY 1999.

I commend the CAB for their efforts to ensure that stakeholders in several Georgia and South Carolina communities were afforded an opportunity to provide input into SRS's prioritization process. Our response to each element of your recommendation is enclosed.

I appreciate your recommendation and look forward to your continued involvement in our budget process.

If you have any questions, you may call me or Jim Buice at 803-725-2263.

Sincerely,

*Original Signed by
Mario P. Fiori*

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Manager

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Enclosure:
Recommendation 33

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Manager's Rdg. File
OEQ Rdg. File

PAT Rdg. File (Flemming).
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Enclosure: Ltr Fiori to Loadholt, "CAB Recommendation 33 FY 1999 Budget Prioritization," dated APR 16 1997

RESPONSE TO CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD (CAB) RECOMMENDATION 33
Fiscal Year (FY) 1999 Budget Prioritization

1. BECAUSE THE BOARD RECOGNIZES THAT REGULATORY COMPLIANCE MAY BE CONSIDERED IN ITEMS 1-4...WE RECOMMEND [ranking omitting regulatory compliance]

We agree with the idea that regulatory compliance may be viewed as inherent in health and safety issues and we are willing to eliminate the "Regulatory Compliance" criteria from the Prioritization Model. Regulatory Compliance will be taken into consideration when assessing Site activities against other criteria used by the model.

We will revise the "Consequence Value Matrix" and develop new weighting factors based on the new rankings recommended by the CAB. The "Consequence Value Matrix" is the tool used to rank each Savannah River Site (SRS) activity and contains the ranking criteria and the weighting factors. The ranking process consist of determining the consequence of the failure to fund an activity and the probability that the consequence will occur.

The CAB's recommended criteria and ranking will also be used when developing the SRS's FY 1999 Priority List.

2. THE BOARD ALSO RECOMMENDS THAT THE PRIORITIZATION PROCESS IN USE AT THE SRS BE FORMALIZED...

We feel the prioritization process we have developed here at SRS is an effective, stakeholder-involved process. Although we will take every precaution to ensure a quality consistent, ever improving process, we agree with your concerns that the process may be affected by future Site changes. Therefore, we will formalize the Prioritization Model/Process by creating procedures and incorporating them into applicable site manuals.

We will update the prioritization model description document to be used as a communication and training aid. And, of course, will provide formalized training to maintain consistency and competency of personnel involved in the Prioritization Process.

3. ...THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT THE SRS PRIORITIZATION PROCESS BE RECOMMENDED TO DOE-HEADQUARTERS (HQ) (FOR POTENTIAL USE THROUGHOUT THE DOE COMPLEX

Once we have finalized the formal process, we will provide a description of the SRS Prioritization Model/Process to the DOE Environmental Management Prioritization Working Group at DOE HQ and recommend that it be considered for use throughout the complex. A copy of the CAB's recommendation citing the model's improved sensitivity to stakeholders' values will be included.