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

Dear Ms. Loadholt:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation 38 - Savannah River Laboratory (SRL) Seepage Basins

The Department of Energy (DOE) is pleased to accept Recommendation No. 38. You recommended DOE initiate an early action cleanup process for the SRL Seepage Basins. Additionally, it was recommended that DOE establish a community focus group within 60 days to participate in developing a path forward followed by a public meeting, CAB progress reports, and ultimately field cleanup work.

The Savannah River Site is currently pursuing, with the regulatory agencies, an early remedial action strategy for the SRL Seepage Basins. DOE considers this approach consistent with the CAB recommendation. We are in the process of determining the elements of an early remedial action and a programmatic strategy for implementation. This will include a focus group to provide input to the process. The early action strategy will also incorporate a public meeting. Progress reports will be presented to the CAB or the CAB Environmental Restoration and Waste Management Subcommittee whenever requested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mario P. Fiori".

Mario P. Fiori  
Manager

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