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Dear Dr. McClain and Mr. Slay:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board's (CAB) Recommendation No. 3 - Independent Scientific Peer Review of A/M and F&H Groundwater Remediation Projects

I was pleased to receive the CAB's third recommendation regarding the initiation of an independent scientific peer review for the A/M and F&H groundwater remediation projects. This recommendation is both timely and significant. However, due to differences in the constituents of concern, hydrogeology, the numbers of existing operating remedial technologies and the requirement that this review be completed by September 1995, we believe this study should focus first **only** on F&H remedial actions. After the F&H review is completed, and based on the outcome of that review, we will reassess paths forward with the CAB and, together, determine whether to proceed with the A/M area groundwater remediation review.

We will work with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, the Environmental Protection Agency-Region IV, and the CAB to assure the credibility and effectiveness of this review.

Again, thank you for your recommendation and we look forward, as always, to your continued involvement with the Savannah River Site's activities and programs.

I have appointed Arthur B. Gould to coordinate the review, and efforts are now underway to define the scope and logistics. You may contact Mr. Gould at (803) 725-3969 or Tom Heenan at (803) 725-8074 if you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Fiori".

Mario P. Fiori
Manager

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