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Ms. Ann Loadholt, Chair  
Citizens Advisory Board  
P.O. Box 365  
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Dear Ms. Loadholt:

**SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation Number 53 – Savannah River Laboratory (SRL) Seepage Basins Remediation**

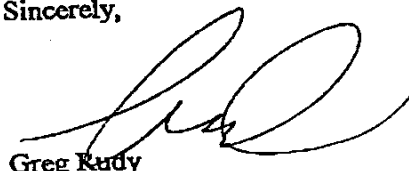
Thank you for your recommendation regarding the pursuit of early remedial action and the prompt resolution of related technical issues for the SRL Seepage Basins.

Currently, we are working with Environmental Protection Agency and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control to identify mutually satisfactory cleanup goals consistent with anticipated future use and disposal options that are protective of human health and the environment. The CAB stated that the issue with the Low Level Waste Disposal Facility is one of jurisdiction and control rather than health and environmental protection. However, possible technical issues spawned from differences in applicable Department of Energy Orders and Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act regulations/guidance are being evaluated. The three parties will attempt to resolve these issues and meet the objective of significantly accelerating the cleanup of the SRL Seepage Basins. The public focus group and CAB have provided valuable input on stakeholder preferences related to this remediation project.

We are meeting with the regulators on April 15, 1998, to discuss and develop a path forward to resolve issues related to SRL Seepage Basins cleanup. We will then review the consensus preferred remedy with the CAB and focus group by May 1, 1998, or as requested.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Cynthia Anderson at (803) 725-3966.

Sincerely,

  
for Greg Rudy  
Acting Manager

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