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

Dear Ms. Loadholt:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation Number 57 - Accelerating Cleanup: Paths to Closure

Thank you for your recommendation regarding extension of the public comment period for the draft National and SRS Accelerating Cleanup: Paths to Closure. The Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office (DOE) appreciates the interest of the CAB in reviewing and commenting on these documents. Recommendation Number 57 has been forwarded to DOE-Headquarters (HQ) with our request for approval. At this time, HQ is considering the possibility of an extension to the public comment period. We are looking forward to receiving comments from the Risk Management and Future Use subcommittee by May 1<sup>st</sup>. We will forward any comments or recommendations received after that date to HQ, requesting their consideration, whether the public comment period is extended or not.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Jim Buice at (803) 725-2263.

Sincerely, Greg Rudy Acting Manager

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Enclosure: CAB Recommendation No. 57