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

Dear Ms. Loadholt:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation Number 88 High Level Waste (HLW) Tank Closure Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Thank you for submitting the subject recommendation regarding the importance of including the results of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) review of the HLW tank closure methodology and the basis of the incidental waste determination in the public comment period for the EIS.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is committed to completing the subject EIS economically and on schedule. We are aware that the NRC schedule is closely related to the EIS schedule and any delays in the NRC review could either result in omission of the NRC input from the public comment period or require an extension of the public comment period. DOE has discussed this issue with both Commission Chairman Shirley Jackson and Commissioner Jeffery Merrifield on their recent visits to the Savannah River Site. DOE will continue to work with the NRC staff to coordinate the review process and the EIS schedule.

If you have any questions, please call me or Larry Ling at (803) 208-8248.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Rudy", is written over the typed name.

Greg Rudy
Manager

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