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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 89 - Savannah River Site (SRS) Technology Integration

Thank you for submitting the subject recommendation on SRS Technology Integration. We agree with your recommendation and plan to include your suggestions as a part of the SRS Technology Integration Plan/Program.

I am proud of the success that SRS has had in deploying innovative technologies to reduce risk and life-cycle costs. We appreciate your support of this effort.

The following addresses the specifics of your four-part recommendation:

- We will strengthen the Plan by including specific commitments, where known, to better show the linkage between the technology and program life-cycle. These revisions will be included in the next draft of the Plan, which is expected to be completed this month.
- The Plan will be formally approved by all appropriate Contractor managers.
- 3. We will continue to dialogue with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control to build consensus for the technologies planned for implementation in order to facilitate successful deployment. In addition, we will continue to coordinate with other Department of Energy (DOE) field offices to take advantage of any regulatory approvals obtained for technologies that may apply to SRS needs, recognizing that not all State regulations are the same and that different EPA regions occasionally have different interpretations for similar situations.
- 4. DOE-Savannah River Operations Office will continue to foster technology utilization through our integrated planning and performance evaluation process. For example, we will continue to utilize performance-based incentives to focus efforts in specific targeted areas, such as reduction of life-cycle costs, that require new technologies to be successful.

If you have any questions, please call me or Thomas Heenan at 803-725-8074.



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