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Ms. Ann Loadholt
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Dear Ms. Loadholt:

Attached are the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control responses to Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board recommendations # 96, 104, and 106. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact Ann Clark at 803-898-3973 or Shelly Sherritt at 803-896-4181.

Sincerely,

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**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL**

**RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 96
FROM THE
SAVANNAH RIVER SITE CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD**

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (Department) agrees that the Savannah River Site (SRS) should continue to characterize, evaluate, and improve the corrective action systems at the A/M and F/H Areas of SRS where appropriate.

The Department would like to clarify two points in reference to clean up goals mentioned in conclusion 5 and items 8 and 11 of the recommendation. First, clean up standards have not yet been set for soil in the A/M Area, although soil clean up standards will ultimately be included in the Hazardous Waste Permit. The Department encourages remediation of the soil until final clean up standards have been set and achieved. Second, groundwater clean up standards have already been defined for A/M and F/H Areas in the Hazardous Waste Permit for SRS. The permit portions associated with the clean up standards were made available for public review and comment before they were finalized. The Hazardous Waste Permit requires the SRS to work toward groundwater remediation in the A/M and F/H Areas until the clean up standards have been achieved.