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February 27, 2013

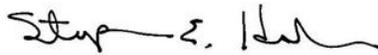
Mr. David Huizenga  
Senior Advisor for Environmental Management  
U.S. Department of Energy, EM-1  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Huizenga:

The Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB) recommends that the Department of Energy (DOE) place more emphasis and priority on evaluating technologies that could make recycling excess materials cost effective. Decontaminating these materials for resale can have many positive benefits:

- Saving space in onsite CERCLA disposal cells
- Adding more dollars for cleanup from the sale of excess
- Reducing cumulative environmental insult
- Reducing long-term monitoring and stewardship costs

To facilitate continuous cost-effective recycling, the EM SSAB recommends that DOE identify and establish a national recycling center of excellence, incentivize contractors to recycle and repurpose items, and add a recycling and repurposing element to future Requests for Proposals.

  
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cc: Melissa Nielson, EM-3.2  
Catherine Alexander, EM-3.2



## Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

April 5, 2013

Mr. Donald Bridges, Chair  
Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board  
P.O. Box A  
Aiken, South Carolina 29802

Dear Mr. Bridges:

Thank you for your February 27, 2013, letter recommending that the Department of Energy place more emphasis and priority on evaluating technologies that could make recycling excess materials cost effective.

Recycling excess materials within the restrictions identified in the 2000 Secretarial Moratorium has always been one of our priorities during site cleanup activities. We agree with you that decontamination and resale of these materials could have many positive impacts. We also agree that adding a recycling and repurposing element to future requests for proposals to incentivize contractors is a fine concept to be considered when sites draft their scopes of work for future cleanup contracts. We will consider your recommendation to identify and establish a national recycling center of excellence as we continue to analyze how best to move forward on recycling eligible materials.

I appreciate your continued support and take your input very seriously. Please continue to work with your site point-of-contact to offer thoughts and recommendations on the Office of Environmental Management's cleanup activities.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Ms. Catherine Alexander, Office of Intergovernmental and Community Activities, at (202) 586-7711.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Huizenga". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David Huizenga  
Senior Advisor  
for Environmental Management

cc: Paul Seidler, EM-3  
Melissa Nielson, EM-3.2  
Catherine Alexander, EM-3.2

