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Dear Dr. Bridges:

Thank you and the Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board (SRS CAB) for your letter requesting consideration of the board's scope to address matters at the SRS in addition to the cleanup responsibilities of the Environmental Management program.

First, on behalf of EM senior management, I extend whole-hearted agreement with your statement that the CAB "has made a positive contribution to the [EM] progress over the years" at the SRS. Your contributions have been and continue to be greatly appreciated both at SRS and at EM headquarter offices in Washington, DC.

EM is committed to continuing to provide opportunities for public input through its support of the EM SSAB and other public involvement activities. EM also continues to believe that the EM SSAB scope is appropriately defined as it is and is effective in facilitating valuable input on its cleanup activities.

Although National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) site activities are not within the board's purview, some EM activities are affected by NNSA's operations. Those EM activities are currently in the board's scope and thus may be addressed in board deliberations and recommendations. In addition, the SRS managers annually provide an informational briefing to NNSA officials on matters of interest to the CAB. We will continue to look at the implications of EM cleanup progress on board activities and engage other agency programs in the discussion, as appropriate.

Thank you for your letter and for all of your efforts on behalf of the SRS CAB and the EM program. If you have any questions concerning this response, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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