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Mr. Manuel Bettencourt, Chairperson
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47 Hickory Forest Drive
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Dear Mr. Bettencourt:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation 260 – A/M Groundwater Plume Program Update to the Public (Your letter, 3/24/09)

The Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office (DOE-SR) is pleased to receive the referenced recommendation concerning Savannah River Site (SRS) A/M-Areas remediation activities.

1. The CAB recommends that DOE advise the CAB and the public by August 1, 2009, of the highlights of major milestones and accomplishments pertaining to the A/M groundwater organic solvents plume. The accomplishments should include a description of plume size reduction and migration control, as well as source removal efforts. DOE's evaluation of the protection of groundwater resources both on and off the Site should be presented to the SRS CAB and the public. We request a public workshop to share these successes prior to the end of Fiscal Year (FY) 2009.
2. The SRS CAB recommends that the DOE continue to evaluate cleanup strategies that accelerate groundwater cleanup as cost-efficiently as possible.

Your recommendation requests that DOE advise the CAB and public by August 1, 2009, of remediation highlights, major accomplishments, and additional information on the A/M-Areas solvent plume. Since presentations on the A/M-Areas remediation were presented to the CAB and public in late 2008 and early 2009, DOE-SR proposed to provide the requested information to the Facilities Disposition and Site Remediation (FD&SR) Committee in November 2009 as part of a presentation on the SRS Groundwater Strategy and Implementation Plan, which will address remediation strategies that are resulting in effective groundwater remediation. The CAB also recommended that DOE conduct a public workshop by the end of FY 2009 regarding SRS protection of groundwater resources (on and off the Site) and share successes of the groundwater program. DOE-SR proposed to the FD&SR Committee Chair, Dr. Jayaraman, that a groundwater workshop be conducted in November 2009 in conjunction with a presentation on the SRS Groundwater Strategy and Implementation Plan. Dr. Jayaraman agreed with both proposals.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Mr. Wade Whitaker, of my staff, at (803) 952-7760.

Sincerely,


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