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Public Invited to Comment

Plans To Submit A Permit Application For the Transuranic (TRU) Waste Storage Pads at SRS

The United States Department of Energy (DOE), Savannah River Site (SRS) Operations Office, plans to submit a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Permit Application for the storage of TRU waste at SRS to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC). If approved, the TRU waste is to be stored on the pads until waste characterization documentation is completed for shipment to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in Carlsbad, New Mexico. The Part B permit is scheduled for submittal to SCDHEC on September 30, 2003.

By definition, TRU waste is a solid radioactive waste that contains alpha-emitting radionuclides with half-lives greater than 20 years, in concentrations of more than 1 ten-millionth of a curie of per gram of waste. This waste was generated at SRS during material processing activities. It typically consists of discarded clothing, equipment, tools and rags lightly contaminated by radioactive elements like plutonium and neptunium. Although the total radioactivity is no higher than low level waste, the decay rate of the radioactivity is such that it remains radioactive over thousands of years.

A public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 24, 2003 at 2:00 PM at the North Augusta Community Center, 101 Brookshire Drive, North Augusta, SC. Representatives from SRS will be available to answer questions on the permit application for the TRU waste pads and for the public to express any comments. For additional information or to be added to the RCRA mailing list, contact:

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Individuals requiring special access to participate in this meeting are requested to contact Mr. Moore at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Written comments may be sent to SCDHEC. All comments will be considered in the final decision. Please send your comments to:

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North Augusta, SC

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