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Record of Decision Issued for the Hydrofluoric Acid Spill Operable Unit

The United States Department of Energy (DOE), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) have selected the remedial approach for Savannah River Site's (SRS) Hydrofluoric Acid Spill (HFAS) operable unit (OU). A 45-day public comment period for the Statement of Basis/Proposed Plan and the associated draft Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permit modification was held from January 17, 2005 to March 2, 2005.

DOE, the EPA, and SCDHEC have determined that the preferred remedial action consists of the following: The No Action alternative is the preferred alternative for the HFAS OU. This means that no remedial action will be performed at the HFAS OU. There is no waste to treat, no institutional or engineering controls are required, and there are no applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements. Because there are no problems warranting action at the HFAS OU, no action will be taken. Although the HFAS OU poses no risk to human health or the environment and warrants unrestricted land use, the HFAS OU is located within the Central Shops area which is designated as a heavy industrial use zone. For this reason, the land use for the HFAS OU will remain industrial as described in the current DOE future land use report. However, no institutional controls will be required for the HFAS OU to ensure industrial future use.

The remedial decision is documented in the Record of Decision document. This document includes a responsiveness summary that addresses public comments. DOE has worked with SCDHEC and EPA to ensure the remedial approach is consistent with all applicable environmental requirements. Copies of the Record of Decision are available in the administrative record.

The administrative record is available in the information repositories listed below:

- DOE Public Reading Room at the Gregg-Graniteville Library at the University of South Carolina-Aiken campus in Aiken, SC; and
- Thomas Cooper Library Government Documents Department at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC.

Hard copies of the Record of Decision are available at the following:

- Reese Library at Augusta State University in Augusta, GA; and
- Asa H. Gordon Library at Savannah State University in Savannah, GA.

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