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Draft EA for Waste Segregation Facility

The Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office is preparing an analysis of the potential environmental consequences for the construction, operation, decontamination, and decommissioning of a proposed waste segregation facility.

If the decision is to build this facility, it will sort, segregate, shred, and compact radioactive low-level waste to reduce its size. The waste to be processed consists of two waste streams: legacy waste which is currently stored in the Savannah River Site (SRS) E Area Vaults and new waste generated from continuing site operations. The waste will be treated or repackaged to make more efficient use of disposal capacity for the vaults or to meet the waste acceptance criteria for treatment at the Consolidated Incineration Facility at SRS.

This analysis is being prepared because *Savannah River Waste Management Environmental Impact Statement* (DOE/EIS-0217), October 1995, addressed only the treatment of these low-level waste streams, but not the specific con-

struction of this facility.

Copies of the draft analysis, called the *Environmental Assessment for the Construction, Operation, and Decommissioning of the Waste Segregation Facility at the Savannah River Site*, will be available after October 20, 1997. If you would like a copy of the draft analysis to review and make comments, or would like to discuss this analysis with someone, please contact Drew Grainger, (803) 725-1523, or toll free, (800) 881-7292.

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