



## Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Ms. Karen Patterson, Chair  
Site Specific Advisory Board  
1103 Conger Drive  
Aiken, South Carolina 29803

Dear Ms. Patterson:

On behalf of the entire Department of Energy (DOE) and particularly the Office of Environmental Management (EM), I extend my sincere congratulations to the Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board (SRS CAB) on being awarded the Environmental Protection Agency's 2007 Citizen's Excellence in Community Involvement Award. As part of the Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board, I am particularly proud of your achievement.

This is a major achievement on a national scale. The Environmental Protection Agency's recognition of your work validates what we in EM have known for years – the SRS CAB and its committees are committed to much more than providing advice and recommendations on the EM program. SRS CAB is dedicated to educating and serving the public on the issues of environmental cleanup and waste disposition.

The award recognized a number of accomplishments by the SRS CAB. They all involve working closely with the local community and other organizations in order to provide valuable advice to the Office of Environmental Management to further the mission of DOE at the Savannah River Site to protect the environment and the health of our citizens. All of these efforts required a level of effort and a certainty of purpose that demonstrate the board's outstanding commitment to DOE, your community, and to our country.



This award is well-deserved recognition of the excellent work and service the SRS CAB and its committees have provided to EM since its founding more than 10 years ago. I am extremely proud of the work you do.

Congratulations and keep up the good work!

Sincerely,



James A. Rispoli  
Assistant Secretary for  
Environmental Management

Karen -

You and the entire CAB have performed a valuable service for SRS, the DOE and the nation. We, and the community owe you and the CAB members a sincere "thank you" for all you do.

- Jim Rispoli