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Dr. Donald N. Bridges, Chair  
Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board  
P.O. Box A  
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Dear Dr. Bridges:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 Funding Request for the SRS Liquid Waste Disposition Program (Your letter, 5/28/13)

The Department of Energy Savannah (DOE) River Operations Office appreciates your letter regarding the FY 2014 funding levels for the Savannah River Site (SRS) Liquid Waste Disposition Program and certainly understands your concerns.

We would like to remind you of previous budget presentations to the Citizens Advisory Board that outlined the various phases of the budget process. We are now at that phase in the process where the President's budget has been submitted to Congress and we are awaiting Congressional actions.

As you are aware, DOE and the Federal Government are facing a constrained funding environment in FY 2014 and beyond. These constraints force difficult prioritization of activities across the Environmental Management (EM) complex to ensure maximum cleanup progress. As part of this process, funding for the SRS Liquid Waste Program was prioritized along with other critical needs at DOE sites across the country and SRS. These needs include funding operation of H-Canyon to support non-proliferation goals, cost increases associated with completing construction of the Salt Waste Processing Facility, and funding soil and groundwater remediation activities associated with compliance milestones.

Again, thank you for expressing your concerns, your continued interests in EM activities at SRS, and your support as we, together, await funding decisions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David C. Moody", is written over a horizontal line.

David C. Moody  
Manager

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cc: Kristen Ellis (EM-3.2), HQ  
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