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Mr. Darwin Morgan

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Dear Mr. Morgan:

On behalf of the SRS Citizens Advisory Board, I'd like to express our support of the Department of Energy Public Participation Policy. As affected stakeholders, we strongly agree that public participation is a fundamental component of DOE program operations, planning activities and decision-making.

The SRS CAB offers the following two comments:

DOE include an additional goal that states DOE will actively seek to become culturally sensitive to the best and proven methods of communicating to all communities, especially the minority and historically disenfranchised stakeholder communities.

We also request that advisory boards be included in the policy section as a method used to encourage public participation. As a one of the major mechanisms used by DOE and, in our opinion, one of the more successful methods, we feel it should be specifically noted.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. We look forward to reviewing the revised policy when it is issued as final.

Sincerely,



Karen Patterson
Chair