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Mr. Jeff Allison, Manager
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Subject: Site Treatment Plan (STP) Cleanup Credits

Dear Mr. Allison:

We first heard about the Site Treatment Plan (STP) Cleanup Credits on September 8, 2003, during a presentation by Mrs. Alice Doswell to the Waste Management Committee. This presentation occurred well ahead of the implementation of the credits between the Savannah River Site (SRS) and South Carolina Department of Environmental Control (SCDHEC). It was reported that these cleanup credits allow SCDHEC to be more engaged in prioritizing cleanup activities and provide incentives to DOE for accelerating cleanup activities and flexibility in meeting STP commitments.

Under the agreement, "cleanup credits" are defined as values earned by SRS for accomplishing activities that are beneficial to both SRS and SCDHEC. We were told that SRS does not anticipate the need to apply Cleanup Credits; however, the flexibility is available to utilize them to achieve commitments if something unexpected were to occur.

We look forward to monitoring the progress of this innovative action. We request that you inform the SRS Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) of any action to use the Cleanup Credits. We would like to thank you for the early announcement of the planned action and encourage you to do more advanced communications on other SRS/SCDHEC negotiations in the future. Thanks again for your willingness to involve the SRS CAB early in the decision process.

Sincerely,



Mr. Wade Waters
Chairman