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Mr. Harold Simon, Chairperson  
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Dear Mr. Simon:

**Subject: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation 333 – Timely CAB Notification of Savannah River Site (SRS) Unusual Events and Issues**

Thank you for your recommendation on improving timely CAB notification of SRS events and issues.

In lieu of your first two recommendations the Department proposes:

The Department will notify the Chair (or Vice Chair) of Significant Category 1 and 2 events under DOE's Occurrence Reporting Program and other issues as they emerge by a telephone call from a Deputy Designated Federal Officer or the Director of the Office of External Affairs. The call will happen once the Department has a clear understanding of the event or issue but the information is not for dissemination beyond the Chair (or Vice Chair) without DOE's concurrence. If a "DOE-SR UPDATE" is issued on the event, no phone call will take place.

The third recommendation to notify the Chair (or Vice Chair) of upcoming visits to SRS by elected officials, dignitaries, and other VIPs is partially accepted. The Department will continue to invite the Chair (or Vice Chair) to attend events during VIP visits where appropriate but will not in general notify the Chair (or Vice Chair) about all VIP visits.

The fourth recommendation to add or increase the priority of notification by SRS contractors to DOE of unusual events or issues relating to EM missions as an award fee criterion is rejected by the Department. These incentives already exist under the current contract.

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If you have any questions, please contact me or my staff contact Jim Giusti, at (803) 952-7684.

Sincerely,



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