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Mr. Gil Allensworth, Chairperson
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Dear Mr. Allensworth:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation #364 Accelerated Deactivation and Decommissioning of 235-F, (Your letter dated, 05/15/19)

Thank you for your recommendation on the Accelerated Deactivation and Decommissioning of Building 235-F. The Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office accepts this recommendation and provides the following responses.

CAB Recommendations:

1. Accelerate the timeline for decommissioning 235-F with a targeted completion date of 2026.
2. Initiate the preparation of required regulatory documents in parallel with the deactivation process.

The Department is pursuing the accelerated deactivation of Building 235-F. A deactivation plan has been drafted and is currently under review. This plan will detail the actions necessary to place the building in a cold and dark state before the end of Fiscal Year 2022. We have had preliminary discussions with regulators (South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and Environmental Protection Agency) and are pursuing the development of an Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis which will define the negotiated end state for the building. Once the building has been deactivated, and an end state determined, the building will be ready for decommissioning. While this is currently scheduled to start in 2031, it is our intention to perform discrete decommissioning activities as funding permits and ahead of the 2031 date. The Department values the CAB's position on the Savannah River Site programs, and when possible factors those opinions into Departmental decisions.

If you have any questions please contact me, or have your staff contact Randall Clendenning, of my staff, at (803) 208-3906.

Sincerely,

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Michael D. Budney
Savannah River Site Manager

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