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Ms. Karen Patterson, Chair Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board 1103 Conger Drive Aiken, South Carolina 29803

Dear Ms. Patterson:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation Number 247 – Information for the Administrative Law Court (Your letter, 5/22/07)

Thank you for your recommendation titled *Information for the Administrative Law Court*. The Department of Energy seeks to move forward in an expeditious manner so we can continue with the vital waste disposition project missions. To date, the Department has filed three motions with the Administrative Law Court. Two of the motions are to dismiss, one for the Natural Resources Defense Council request and the other is for the Sierra Club. The third motion was for a Declaratory Judgment. The Declaratory Judgment motion asks the Court to determine that, as written, the automatic stay provision of the recently enacted statute does not apply to a permit modification and so does not apply to our Saltstone Disposal Facility permit modification.

We will continue to explore all legal options available and will keep you informed of our progress. Should you have any questions, please contact me or have your staff contact Larry Ling at (803) 208-2845.

Sincerely

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