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Ms. Karen Patterson, Chair
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Dear Ms. Patterson:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation Number 252 – Savannah River Site (SRS) CAB Input in the Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office (DOE-SR) Budget Process, (Your letter, 11/28/07)

Thank you for your recommendation regarding CAB participation in the budget formulation process. My response to Parts 1 and 2 of Recommendation 252 is as follows:

Part 1 – DOE-SR provide a detailed, validated Project Baseline with a critical-path schedule at a level showing the status of major projects with each Project Baseline Summary (PBS).

After the release of the President's Budget, DOE will provide a briefing on the Environmental Management Project Execution Plan, including an explanation of the critical path schedule. This will be an update to the briefing DOE provided in May 2007.


Part 2 – DOE-SR verify the budget embargo date and share funding performance measures (i.e., fully funded, partially funded, fund reductions, non-funded, on schedule, etc.) with the SRS CAB for the *Five-Year Plan*.

Consistent with Office of Management and Budget Circular A-11, Preparation, Submission, and Execution of the Budget," Section 22.1 policy guidance, all budget information is embargoed until after the President submits the Budget Request to Congress in February 2008. DOE-SR will provide the requested information (i.e., fully funded, partially funded, fund reductions, non-funded, etc.) to the SRS CAB after the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-2014 Budget Formulation and Life-Cycle Planning Guidance is received at the end of February 2008.

DOE-SR will provide information on the FY2008-FY2012 EM Five Year Plan budget planning process which includes the Integrated Priority List, the 2008 President's Budget, and the Continuing Resolution.

If you have any questions, please contact me or have your staff contact Sarah Blanding at (803) 952-6564.

Sincerely,


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