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Dear Dr. Bridges:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation # 277
FY2013 Integrated Priority List and Budget Input
(Letter, Bridges to Moody, May 26, 2011)

The Department of Energy – Savannah River Operations Office (DOE-SR) is pleased to receive the referenced recommendation concerning the Savannah River Site (SRS) FY 2013 budget prioritization process.

CAB Recommendations

The unique capabilities of H-Canyon were recognized by the SRS CAB in 1999 and since then the SRS CAB has recommended that it be retained in an operational status as a process for current and future stabilization missions. The unique capabilities of H-Canyon have not changed nor has the SRS CAB's recognition of the process of H-Canyon and related facilities as a national asset. Therefore, the SRS CAB recommends the following concerning the FY2013 budget:

Prioritize funding to place emphasis on the following three programs:

1. **PBS 11C H-Canyon/HB Line** to operate at a level that allows disposition of Pu in HB Line and processes Used Nuclear Fuel (HEU) in H-Canyon (and any Pu deemed necessary).
2. **PBS 12 L-Area** to operate at a mode to fully receive off-site Used Nuclear Fuel as scheduled and ship L Basin Inventory of UNF to be processed in H Canyon.
3. **PBS 14C to operate the Liquid Waste Stabilization and Disposition System** at maximum capacity and expedite the processing rate with the Supplemental Salt Waste Processing Deployment.

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Response

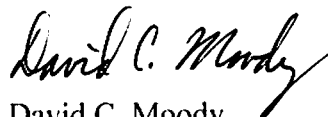
DOE-SR wishes to thank the CAB for its thoughtful response to the DOE Headquarters request for stakeholders input associated with the budget prioritization process for FY13.

On June 30, 2011, CAB Recommendation # 277 (FY13 Integrated Priority List and Budget Input) was included as part of DOE-SR's FY2013 EM funding submission to Headquarters. DOE-SR appreciates the CAB's interest and concern for effective utilization of H-Canyon/HB line, L area operations and the acceleration of Liquid High Level Waste deposition as reflected in Recommendation # 277.

As a result of the CAB response being forwarded to DOE Headquarters, DOE-SR proposes CAB Recommendation # 277 be closed.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (803) 952-9468 or Doug Hintze of my staff at (803) 952-8422.

Sincerely,


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