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Dear Dr. Bridges:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation Number 278 – Savannah River Site (SRS) Waste and By-Products Matrix, (Your letter, 07/27/11)

Thank you for your recommendation regarding the SRS Waste & By-Products Matrix. DOE-SR appreciates the CAB's interest in the site's nuclear material and waste storage and disposition activities, however, DOE-SR rejects this recommendation.

In Recommendation 278 you identify specific concerns by stating "One issue of very high concern to the workers and stakeholders is the amount of waste and by-products that are currently on site or potentially coming to the site." and "Recent developments related to the Yucca Mountain Repository have raised the level of concern about how DOE plans to meet its commitment to SRS stakeholders i.e., to expeditiously disposition waste from SRS to a designated national repository." DOE-SR believes the current SRS performance measures (presented quarterly to the CAB by DOE-SR) together with the numerous nuclear material and waste disposition presentations given throughout the year provide the information needed to support a forum for open discussions regarding government plans, actions, and decisions. Many of the technical details sought in the recommendation to provide a SRS Waste & By-Products Matrix and Waste Inventory Report (e.g. source of material, specific storage location, processing required, etc.) are beyond what is needed to address the concerns. However, DOE-SR recognizes due to mission changes for some facilities, such as H-Canyon, modifications to the current performance measures will need to be made. DOE-SR will work with the CAB to ensure those changes are adequately reflected. Currently, at the CAB's request, DOE-SR is working to add a metric showing Used Nuclear Fuel inventory.

If you have any questions, please contact me or have your staff contact Patrick McGuire at (803) 208-3927.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David C. Moody", is positioned above the typed name.

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