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Dear Dr. Bridges:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation #279, Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) Update Provided Annually

Thank you for the subject recommendation regarding Department of Energy (DOE) briefing materials to support CAB input to changes in the FFA Appendix E out-year cleanup milestones. The recommendation is shown below:

- 1) Develop a chart, based on proposed revisions to Appendix E that shows only those revisions that are deemed to be important to the overall cleanup process that would be of interest to the public.
  - a. Changes in milestones or schedules need to be shown in such a way that it is easily apparent whether or not each proposed change negatively impacts the level of cleanup or the timeline of cleanup.
  - b. Reasons for proposed changes need to be explained fully so the public understands if changes are due to budget restraints, technical difficulties, technical advances, changes in priorities, or conflicts with other laws/regulations, such as the National Historic Preservation Act, etc.
  - c. If new areas are being proposed to be added to the cleanup schedule, the ramifications of such additions need to be explained so that the following are discernible to the public:
    - i. The seriousness of the contamination;
    - ii. Why areas were not included previously; and
    - iii. The budget impact.
- 2) Present this information annually to the Facilities Disposition and Site Remediation (FD&SR) Committee at its August meeting, which would allow the CAB to provide input before the revisions to Appendix E are submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) for approval in November.

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A briefing can be given in August that will address the existing Appendix E and any anticipated effects from current-year performance or known programmatic factors, such as Site missions, that could potentially cause a change in the upcoming Appendix E. This will allow the CAB an opportunity to have input before the milestones are finalized. Details of the proposed (new) Appendix E will not be ready for discussion in August.

A chart showing the major changes that DOE proposes, with the requested information about the changes, will be provided in November when the draft (Revision 0) Appendix E is submitted to EPA and SCDHEC for review. An information briefing on the chart can be given in late November or early December. Any recommendation provided to DOE before December 31, 2011, will be considered for incorporation in the revised Appendix E.

These provisions will allow the CAB or the FD&SR Committee to have input into out-year milestone changes before Appendix E changes have been approved by EPA and SCDHEC.

DOE continues to value CAB input on Savannah River Site cleanup program planning.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Mr. Brian Hennessey, of my staff, at (803) 952-8365.

Sincerely,



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