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Dr. Donald N. Bridges, Chairperson Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board P. O. Box A Aiken, SC 29802

Dear Mr. Bridges:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation Number 282 – Impact of Blue Ribbon Commission (BRC) Recommendations on Savannah River Site (SRS) Programs (Your letter, 10/10/11)

Thank you for your recommendation on impacts to SRS Programs from the BRC final report recommendations. The Department understands the CAB's position of wanting the SRS programs to be able to act on the Final BRC recommendations, as quickly as possible. The Department appreciates the CAB's understanding of the timeframes and legal requirements that must be met before Departmental decisions can be made regarding these programs (i.e., Plutonium disposition and Spent Nuclear Fuel disposition).

The final BRC report is scheduled to be released in early 2012, but DOE Savannah River Operations Office has no control over when it will be issued or what it will recommend. As soon as possible after the report has been issued and evaluated by the Department for impacts, a briefing to the CAB will be made. Unfortunately, no more specific timeframes can be provided at this time.

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

Sincerely,

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