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Dr. Donald Bridges, Chairperson
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Dear Dr. Bridges:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation # 285 - Reallocation of Funds for Regulatory Support in Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Appropriations and Request for Increase in FY 2013 (Letter, Bridges to Moody, March 28, 2012)

The Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office (DOE-SR) is pleased to receive the referenced recommendation concerning Savannah River Site Funds for Regulatory Support.

CAB Recommendations

1. Take steps to restore funding in FY 2012 for regulatory support appropriate to the scope of work needed to meet FY 2012 clean up goals.

DOE-SR has developed an approach to ensure adequate funding levels in FY 2012 for both the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulatory oversight support.

2. Provide information at the May 2012 CAB meeting will describe what steps are being taken to restore the budget for regulatory support.

DOE-SR will provide information at the May 2012 CAB meeting to explain actions taken to ensure SCDHEC and EPA funding levels appropriate to achieve the planned scope.

3. Supply, if funding is not restored:
 - a. Details on how the reduced budget would impact the ability of the regulators to be onsite on a regular basis and to maintain the current level of cleanup oversight, and
 - b. Information on strategies that will be initiated to assure that oversight from the Regulators is not weakened

DOE-SR has been able to maintain funding in FY 2012.

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4. Make a commitment that the FY 2013 budget will be prepared to restore funding for regulatory support appropriate to the scope of work needed to meet FY 2013 clean up goals.

DOE-SR has included funding levels for regulatory support in the FY 2013 budget submission appropriate to the scope of work needed to meet FY 2013 clean up goals.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David C. Moody", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

David C. Moody
Manager

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