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

Dear Dr. Bridges:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation Number 292, Savannah River Site (SRS) Asset Revitalization Initiative (ARI)

Thank you for your recommendations on the SRS ARI.

CAB Recommendations:

 Provide to the SRS CAB a progress update in the 2nd half of 2012 addressing the eight assignments accepted to further develop the ARI. The eight assignments are stated above and were taken from Section 7 of the ARI Report to Congress, August 2011.

The Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office (DOE-SR) will update the CAB during the 2nd half of 2012 on the progress being made by the DOE Headquarters (HQ) ARI. DOE-SR will specifically status the "eight assignments".

2. Share and explain how ARI recommendations will be implemented with the SRS CAB as early as practical.

DOE-SR will provide updates to the CAB on the progress of the DOE-HQ ARI and will specifically highlight how recommendations from the DOE-HQ ARI affect DOE-SR. It is important to bear in mind that it may not be relevant, necessary, or timely for DOE-SR to implement each of the DOE-HQ recommendations. DOE-HQ recognizes that there is not a "cookie cutter" approach to ARI, and is working diligently to assure that the sites have the flexibility to develop and implement an asset revitalization program that meets the needs of the site and its community.

3. Establish a mechanism to consider input from the CAB relative to reuse and utilization of existing Environmental Management facilities consistent with the interests of the ARI.

DOE-SR believes the existing mechanisms are adequate to assure the CAB has opportunities to learn of asset revitalization activities and to provide input to the process. We anticipate that the CAB will include ARI in its 2013 Work Plan, and that DOE-SR will provide regular updates to the Strategic and Legacy Management Committee and to the Board. The CAB should continue to use the existing recommendation process to provide input based on the information learned during our briefings.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Ms. Helen Belencan, of my staff, at (803) 952-8696.

Sincerely,

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