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Dr. Donald N. Bridges, Chairperson  
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Dear Dr. Bridges:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation Number 296 – Spent Nuclear Fuel (SNF) Processing Credit for H-Canyon Operations, Your letter, 09/27/12

Thank you for your recommendation on obtaining processing credit from Highly Enriched Uranium (HEU) – blend down sales to offset the H-Canyon full operations costs. We accept the three subparts of your recommendation. The Department is currently evaluating how and under what conditions these funds could be used by the site. This evaluation is in the early stages and is being conducted in a joint effort by Headquarters (HQ) and Savannah River. There are many considerations to evaluate due to funding requirements in the Government.

As you are aware at this time, the Department is not allowed to recoup these fees. If this changes in the future, Savannah River Site will provide a briefing to the CAB on what portion is recouped, and what constraints are in place for its use.

The Department understands the CAB's position of wanting to process the used nuclear fuel in H-Canyon. We are actively working with HQ on a pathforward for disposition of some Used Nuclear Fuel. Discussion of this pathforward is too premature at this time. We believe that after the first of the year, the Department may be in a position to brief you on the specifics.

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, appearing to read "T. Z. J. m. d.", is written over the typed name.

FOR

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