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

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation Number 299 – Separation of National Nuclear Waste Programs (Defense Nuclear Waste and Commercial Power Nuclear Waste) and Recommendation Number 301 – Demonstration Storage at WIPP (Waste Isolation Pilot Project) Program for Savannah River Site (SRS) High Level Waste Canisters

Thank you for subject Recommendations 299 and 301 regarding long-term waste storage and disposal.

The Department has issued its implementation strategy for the BRC Report titled, "Strategy for the Management and Disposal of Used Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste", hereafter called "Strategy", which can be located at the following website: <http://energy.gov/downloads/strategy-management-and-disposal-used-nuclear-fuel-and-high-level-radioactive-waste>.

Recommendation 299, which proposes separating disposal of defense high-level waste from commercial used nuclear fuel will be considered as part of the planned evaluations. "The issue of 'comingling' of wastes in a repository will be the subject of analysis moving forward." (DOE Strategy, page 8). With respect to Recommendation 301, EM, including SRS, will work closely with other Departmental entities on the broad, national consent based process that will be used to site storage and disposal facilities.

We will keep you informed of progress as this process moves forward.

As always, DOE welcomes your input as we continue to work to disposition radioactive waste. If you have any questions, you can contact me or Terrel Spears, of my staff, at (803) 208-6072.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David C. Moody".

David C. Moody
Manager

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