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

Dear Dr. Bridges,

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation # 302 Contingency Budget Planning Input for Severe Budget Cases

The Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office (DOE-SR) is pleased to receive the subject recommendation concerning Contingency Budget Planning Input for Severe Budget Cases. Response to the CAB recommendation follows:

Assess the contingency budget input provided herein and commit to dealing with the cleanup consistent with emphasis on production extending from used nuclear fuel processing through production of high level waste canisters.

DOE-SR acknowledges the CAB concern with respect to possible increased budget constraints in future years and continues to aggressively position the budgetary needs of the Site to ensure cleanup progress continues. The following are the current categories utilized to prioritize budget development:

- Minimum Safe Operations & Essential Site Services
- Regulatory Milestones & Commitments
- Liquid Waste Production
- Nuclear Materials Safe Storage & Production
- Soil and Water Remediation
- Facility Deactivation and Decommissioning

As a reminder of how stakeholders such as the CAB have a voice in prioritizing cleanup activities at various Sites, each year the Principle Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management requests input and recommendations from stakeholders. This is referred to as the Integrated Priority List (IPL) process. In recent years the CAB has provided such input for Fiscal Years (FY) 2013 and 2014 and those inputs were included with budget submittals to DOE Headquarters.

Similar to past years, a request for CAB input on the IPL for FY15 will be formally requested by February 2013. A response from the CAB will be needed in the March-April timeframe to ensure inclusion as part of the FY15 budget submission, scheduled for May 2013.

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

Sincerely,

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