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Dr. Marolyn Parson, Chairperson
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Dear Dr. Parson:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation Number 317 – Fund an Independent Environmental Monitoring Program in Georgia (Your letter, dated 01/28/2014)

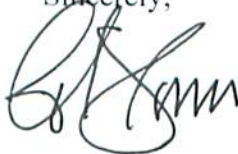
Thank you for your recommendation entitled Fund an Independent Environmental Monitoring Program in Georgia adopted at the January 27, 2014, CAB Full Board meeting. The Department of Energy (DOE) Savannah River Operations Office does not accept your recommendation.

However, in recognition of the expressed concerns of the CAB and the citizens of Georgia, the DOE proposes to request an evaluation by the University of Georgia's Savannah River Ecology Laboratory (SREL) of the scope and relevance of all radiological environmental monitoring efforts associated with the Site in the State of Georgia. SREL is an independent, university-based, environmental sciences research laboratory which has been conducting ecological research, education, and outreach missions on the Savannah River Site (SRS) for over 60 years. Specifically, by April 18, 2014, we will ask SREL to assign a team of their technical subject matter experts to:

1. Provide the DOE with a recommendation on whether there is fact-based evidence to support the request for conducting additional radiological environmental monitoring in Georgia data by the State of Georgia or SRS, and based on the results of this recommendation;
2. Provide the DOE with a recommendation on potential options that could be undertaken by the DOE to address the concerns of the CAB and the citizens of Georgia in regard to this issue.

If you have any questions, you can contact me or contact Angelia Adams, of my staff, at (803) 952-8593.

Sincerely,


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