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Dear Dr. Parson:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation Number 321 – Improving Public Communication and Understanding of the Liquid Waste Program and Revisions to the “Liquid Waste System Plan” (Your letter dated September 24, 2014)

Thank you for your recommendation on “Improving Public Communication and Understanding of the Liquid Waste Program and Revisions to the Liquid Waste System Plan.” The Department of Energy (DOE), Savannah River Operations Office partially accepts your recommendation and provides the following response to the recommendation:

1. *Work with the Waste Management Committee to develop a template for the annual presentation that describes the revisions to the Liquid Waste System Plan; specifically, at a minimum, the template should specify what diagrams, figures, tables, or schematics should be used every year and must be free of acronyms.*

DOE accepts this recommendation and will work with the Waste Management Committee to develop the template to be used for the annual presentation of the revision to the Liquid Waste System Plan to ensure better understanding.

2. *Adhere to the template described above when the annual revision to the Liquid Waste System Plan is presented to the Board thereafter.*

DOE accepts this recommendation and will adhere to the template agreed upon for the annual presentation to the Board as appropriate.

3. *Hold an information session every year with the Waste Management Committee prior to the finalization of the revision to the “Liquid Waste System Plan” to highlight the changes and to answer questions that arise; this session must be done prior to any scheduled presentation to the Board on the revisions to the “Liquid Waste System Plan.”*

DOE accepts this recommendation in part. An information session will be held with the Waste Management Committee as soon as the Liquid Waste System Plan is finalized to highlight changes and answer any questions that arise. DOE then will schedule a presentation to the Board. The Liquid Waste System Plan requires review by several parties prior to finalization and it will require approval for public release to then be shared with the CAB.

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4. *Provide an estimate of how much of an increase in the budget for the Liquid Waste Program would be needed to meet milestones when budget shortages are responsible for delays in meeting enforceable milestones.*

DOE does not accept this recommendation. Budget information prepared for a budget year prior to the issuance of the President Budget Request may not be released to the public per the Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-11 (2013), Section 22 – *Communication with the Congress and the Public and Clearance Requirements.*

5. *Provide a printed copy of the Executive Summary of the annual revision to the “Liquid Waste System Plan” to the Waste Management Committee at least one week prior to any scheduled presentation on such revisions.*

DOE accepts this recommendation and will provide a printed copy of the Executive Summary at least a week prior to the scheduled presentation.

6. *Provide a printed copy of the annual revision to the “Liquid Waste System Plan” to the Chair of the Waste Management Committee as soon as it is finalized.*

DOE accepts this recommendation in part. A copy of the subject document will be provided to the Chair of the Waste Management Committee at least a week prior to the scheduled presentation to the Waste Management Committee. DOE is committed to provide modeling results to the regulating agencies prior to public release of the Plan.

7. *Include links to copies of the current and past “Liquid Waste System Plan” revisions on the [www.srs.gov](http://www.srs.gov) homepage under the “Publications and Documents” dropdown tab.*

DOE accepts this recommendation and will include current and past revisions in the CAB’s proposed website location by January 15, 2015.

8. *Work with the Waste Management Committee to come up with a schedule to develop the template described above.*

DOE accepts this recommendation and suggests working on the template in the annual work plan development meeting.

9. *Work with the Waste Management Committee to develop a mutually agreeable timeline for the information session described above, distribution of the Executive Summary to the final revision of the “Liquid Waste System Plan” and the annual update on the revision to the “Liquid Waste System Plan.”*

DOE accepts this recommendation and suggests using the annual work plan development meeting to determine the schedule for the information session, distribution of the executive summary and annual briefing of the System Plan revision.

10. *Include a presentation that describes the Liquid Waste Program and the role of the Liquid Waste Program Plan at the Citizens Advisory Board’s Annual Education/Process Meeting.*

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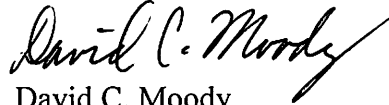
DOE accepts this recommendation as it has been customary to provide such a briefing in years past.

*11. Include the liquid waste system facilities as a routine part of the Site tours provided for members of the Citizens Advisory Board.*

DOE accepts this recommendation and will work the tour agenda with the CAB to continue including liquid waste facilities as part of the Site tour as appropriate.

As always, DOE welcomes input from the public as we continue to develop plans and strategies to better achieve the goals to safely complete the cleanup mission. If you have any questions, you can contact me or Soni Blanco, of my staff, at (803) 208-6029.

Sincerely,



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