



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

June 6, 2005

Ms. Jean Sulc, Chair
Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board
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St. Helena Island, SC 29920

Dear Ms. Sulc:

Thank you for your letter of May 9, 2005, and for your kind words on my appointment as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management (EM). A key to EM's success in recent years is its public outreach and stakeholder programs which encourage substantive input into decision-making and promote proactive and systematic complex-wide public involvement. The Citizen Advisory Boards that comprise the EM Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) have been instrumental in our success.

Per your November 2004 letter to Paul Golan, EM is working to achieve "technically sound, fiscally responsible, politically acceptable, sustainable, and comprehensive solutions" to our waste and material disposition challenges. To that end, the Office of Logistics and Waste Disposition Enhancements (EM-10) is developing a series of disposition strategies for the various waste types within the EM complex. I understand that you will be briefed at your next Chairs' meeting by personnel from that Office on the status and progress of our strategies.

As the disposition strategies are developed over the coming months, I am asking that the EM SSABs assist EM-10 in their efforts to share the developing strategies with our stakeholders. Please contact Mr. Frank Marcinowski, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Logistics and Waste Disposition Enhancements, at (202) 586-6331, if you or any of the EM SSAB Chairs would be willing to assist him with this endeavor.

As for your proposal for a National Stakeholder Workshop on Waste Disposition, I recommend that we wait until the strategies are developed and public comments have been received.



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Again, please accept our gratitude for your continuing efforts on behalf of the Environmental Management program. If you have any additional comments or questions, please contact me at (202) 685-7709 or Ms. Melissa Nielson, Acting Director of Internal/External Coordination at (202) 586-0356.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles E. Anderson".

Charles E. Anderson
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Environmental Management