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Second Amended Notice of Intent to Modify the Scope of the Surplus Plutonium Disposition Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and Conduct Additional Scoping.

Dear Ms. McAlhany:

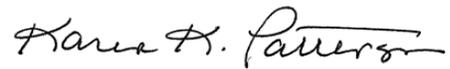
The South Carolina Governor's Nuclear Advisory Council has reviewed the Second Amended NOI to modify the Surplus Plutonium Disposition Supplemental EIS, published in the January 12, 2012, Federal Register.

As stated in our letter dated August 10, 2010, providing comments on the First Amended NOI, our overarching concern is that no alternative for the disposition of the subject plutonium should disrupt other activities related to the completion of the legacy waste management clean-up at the SRS. In other words, whatever alternative or combination of alternatives the DOE may select for the additional 13 tons of surplus plutonium, the DOE should determine, with unequivocal assurance, that the alternative(s) decidedly will not delay or forestall the processing and disposition of liquid radioactive waste currently stored at the SRS.

We believe that our comments on the First Amended NOI remain valid for the Second Amended NOI. We reiterate our comments on the First Amended NOI: "The time for conceptual planning is well past; the time for diligent implementation and execution of selected alternatives is overdue." This is truer today than it was 18 months ago.

Again, we thank you for this opportunity to comment on the scope of the SPD SEIS, and look forward to the day when planning gives way to execution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen H. Patterson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent loop at the end of the last name.

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