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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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October 25, 2011

Ben Rusche, Chairman
State of South Carolina
Governor's Nuclear Advisory Council
1200 Senate Street
408 Wade Hampton Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Chairman Rusche:

I am writing to thank you for your letter, dated September 8, 2011, regarding the preparation and issuance of the Technical Evaluation Report (TER) for the Savannah River Site's F Tank Farm and the NRC's role in the consultation process, per Section 3116 of the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 (NDAA). As you acknowledged in your letter, NRC has been working with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in a public setting to identify and resolve issues related to DOE's analysis and assumptions that are most significant to the long-term safety and closure of the F Tank Farm in accordance with the requirements of Section 3116 of the NDAA. At this time, NRC is striving to ensure that these issues, and any associated recommendations for their resolution, are presented in a clear and transparent manner in the TER, which will be made publicly available once it is provided to DOE in the near term.

The NRC understands your desire to close and stabilize the F Tank Farm in a safe and timely manner and looks forward to working with the State of South Carolina's Department of Health and Environmental Control in the development and implementation of a monitoring plan to assess compliance with the Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 61, Subpart C performance objectives in accordance with Section 3116(B) of the NDAA.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Larry W. Camper, Director, Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection at 301-415-7319.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R.W. Borchardt".

R. W. Borchardt
Executive Director
For Operations

cc: Governor Nikki Haley
Dave Huizenga
Shelly Wilson