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The Honorable Jim Hodges
Governor, State of South Carolina
State Capitol
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Governor Hodges:

At its October 16, 2002, quarterly meeting, the SC Governor's Nuclear Advisory Council received a briefing on the US Department of Energy's Top-To-Bottom Review of Environmental Management programs at US-DOE weapons complex facilities. DOE and contractor staff from Savannah River Site presented the results of recent review of plans for final disposition of high level waste at SRS.

Following discussion by the Council, I appointed a subcommittee of Council members who had earlier reviewed the Final Supplemental EIS on Salt Processing Alternatives (DOE/EIS-0082-52, June 2001) to examine the issues raised in the briefing in more detail and to report back to the Council within 30 days. The sub-committee consisted of Dr. Carolyn Hudson, Dr. Vince Van Brunt, and Ben C. Rusche as chair.

The report of the subcommittee was reviewed by the other members of the Council who have endorsed the findings and conclusions of the report. Enclosed is a copy of this report.

We believe it is important for the State of South Carolina to continue working with the U.S. Department of Energy to resolve the issues addressed in this report to insure that we achieve both safe and cost effective solutions to our common goal of environmental stewardship at the Savannah River Site.

As always the Council stands ready to assist you, the Governor-Elect and other State officials in any way that we can to accomplish these objectives.

Sincerely,

John J. Stucker, Ph.D., Chairman

Enclosure

cc: Honorable Bob Peeler, President of the Senate
Honorable David H. Wilkins, Speaker of the House
Governor-Elect Mark Sanford
Lt. Governor-Elect Andre Bauer
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