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Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. James A. Ajello
Chair
Environmental Management Advisory Board
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Ajello:

Thank you for your letter enclosing the *Environmental Management Advisory Board (EMAB) Environmental Management Tank Waste Subcommittee (EM-TWS) Report for the Savannah River Site (SRS)/Hanford Tank Waste Review*, Report Number TWS #003.

We sincerely appreciate your efforts and your recommendations on the technical, regulatory, and business aspects of the tank waste cleanup program. These recommendations are consistent with the Department of Energy's continual challenge to effectively and efficiently manage the Office of Environmental Management's (EM) Tank Waste Cleanup mission.

I assure you that EM has already begun considering your recommendations. Both the Savannah River Operations Office and Office of River Protection are evaluating the recommendations for their respective sites and will implement them, as appropriate, to further meet the challenges to Tank Waste Cleanup mission and goals.

If you have any further questions, please contact me or Ms. Kristen Ellis, Designated Federal Officer for EMAB, at (202) 586-5810.

Sincerely,

David Huizenga
Acting Assistant Secretary for
Environmental Management

I'm,
I know this
is way over due
but thank you
for all you and
your team are
doing for EM!
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