



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. Manuel Bettencourt, Chair
Savannah River Site Citizens' Advisory Board
47 Hickory Forest Drive
Hilton Head Island, South Carolina 29926

Dear Mr. Bettencourt:

Thank you for your September 2, 2010, letter providing your support for the continued momentum of cleanup activities and a stable workforce in our communities that were funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Coordinated efforts are underway within the Office of Environmental Management (EM) to capitalize on productivity improvements established under ARRA for application to the base program to maximize the effective use of these funds.

Regarding fiscal year (FY) 2012, the Administration requested that federal agencies identify programs, equal to five percent of their discretionary funding, for potential reduction that have the lowest impact on the agency's mission. In response, EM planning for FY 2012 supports risk reduction and greatest overall environmental benefit while addressing regulatory compliance commitments as required by Executive Order 12088.

We remain committed to working with the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board to focus on safe, cost-effective risk reduction, and cleanup progress. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Catherine A. Brennan, EM SSAB Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 586-7711.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Inés R. Triay".

Inés R. Triay
Assistant Secretary for
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