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Dr. Donald Bridges, Chair Savannah River Site Citizens Advisory Board P.O. Box A, Building 730-B, Room 1184 Aiken, South Carolina 29802

Dear Dr. Bridges:

Thank you for your August 11, 2011, letter welcoming me as Acting Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management (EM). It is a great honor to return to EM where I spent my early years with the Department of Energy (DOE).

I am aware of how valuable the work of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB) is to the EM program. EM SSAB is DOE's only citizen advisory board and serves as a unique forum for EM to connect and involve members of the public in EM cleanup decisions. Considering my past service and your consistent dedication, we will continue to collaborate on cleanup activities at the sites and ensure that communities remain well informed and involved with EM site-specific issues.

I look forward to continuing the positive, collaborative working relationship EM has had with the EM SSAB on site-specific and national issues.

Sincerely,

David Huizenga

Acting Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management