



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. Larry W. Camper
Director, Division of Waste Management
and Environmental Protection
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Camper:

Under Section 3116 of the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2005, the Secretary of Energy, in consultation with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), may determine that certain radioactive waste resulting from reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel is not high-level waste. Pursuant to Section 3116 of the NDAA, and in accordance with Interagency Agreement DE-AI01-05EW07050, the enclosed draft Section 3116 Determination for Salt Waste Disposal at the Savannah River Site (SRS) is being provided to the NRC for consultation.

This draft Section 3116 Determination concerns the disposal of certain low-activity radioactive waste at SRS. This waste will be composed of solidified low-activity salt streams generated by the separation and treatment of salt waste, as part of ongoing activities to clean up radioactive tank waste at SRS.

The Waste Determination is undergoing further internal DOE review, including a scientific and technical information release review as required by DOE directives, which will ensure that no sensitive information is released to the public. Upon completion of the review process, a version of the document that is approved for unlimited public dissemination will be made available to you.

This draft Section 3116 Determination will be finalized after the Department of Energy has completed consultation with the NRC.

DOE looks forward to working cooperatively with the NRC in implementing the Section 3116 requirements. If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this draft 3116 Determination, please contact me at (202) 586-7709.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles E. Anderson".

Charles E. Anderson
Acting Chief Operating Officer
Office of Environmental Management

Enclosure
cc: David Wilson, SCDHEC

