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Mr. Scott C. Flanders, Director
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Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Flanders:

On July 27 and August 17-18, 2005, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) met to discuss DOE's responses to NRC's Request for Additional Information (RAI) on the Draft Section 3116 Determination for Salt Waste Disposal at the Savannah River Site. As a result of these meetings, the NRC identified 22 additional action items from the July 27 meeting and 11 additional action items from the August 17-18 meeting that required DOE responses.

Enclosed are DOE's responses to the majority of these action items. The response to action item 3 from the July 27 meeting and the final interpretation and analysis for action item 10 from the August 17-18 meeting are undergoing further DOE evaluation and will be provided to NRC as soon as possible.

DOE personnel are available to provide clarification on any of these responses. If you should have any questions, please call me at (202) 586-0755.

Sincerely,

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cc: D. Wilson, SCDHEC