



December 17, 2020

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Re: Federal Facility Agreement Revision 0 Appendix E, Long-Term Projections for Fiscal Year 2021  
(Print Date: 11/04/2020) dated November 16, 2020 and received November 18, 2020.

Dear Mr. Hennessey:

The Department has completed its review of the above referenced Appendix E to the Savannah River Site (SRS) Federal Facility Agreement (FFA).

The positive work completed under the SRS FFA has made this one of the most successful agreements within the Department of Energy complex. While we are aware that ongoing missions will delay completion of cleanup to 2065, the Department continues to expect every effort will be made to maintain progress at the site in a timely manner that is protective of human health and the environment. The Department requests an evaluation be completed in the upcoming year to identify any projects that can be incorporated into the E.1 and E.2 timeframes. Further, the Department encourages the Savannah River Operations Office to seek appropriate funding levels to fully implement Appendix E and accelerate the schedule where possible.

In addition to the concerns noted in this cover letter, the Department requests the attached comments be addressed in the Revision 1 of FY2021 Appendix E document.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (803) 898-4331.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Susan B. Fulmer'.

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General Comments

1. The schedule outlined in Appendix E contains a completion date of 2065 due to continuing missions at the Savannah River Site (SRS); however, the latter years of the schedule continue to contain a significant volume of work to be completed to meet this commitment. The Department is concerned that extending the Area Completion activities out jeopardizes the goals established in the Comprehensive Cleanup Plan and Letter of Support, as well as the overall accelerated cleanup vision for the SRS. The extremely heavy ramping up of work scheduled for the end of the SRS lifecycle may not be achievable from a budget or personnel perspective.
2. As per the *2019 Suspension Agreement – FFA HLW Tank Milestones*, the Department is looking forward to beginning the renegotiations of the tank milestones listed on Appendix L of the FFA and establishing these milestones by September 30, 2022.

Specific Comment

1. As per the Core Team meeting held on December 16, 2020, please remove the deliverable commitment for the A-Area Miscellaneous Rubble Pile (731-6A) Performance Evaluation Report from Appendix E.1 and E.2. All associated sampling events will now be reported in the Five-Year Remedy Review Reports.