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Dear Mr. Hennessey:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Department of Energy, Savannah River (DOE-SRS) Site Decommissioning Project Final Report (DPFR) for Building 484-12D, D Area Storage Building, dated July 18, 2022.

EPA cannot approve the above mentioned document until the comments below are addressed. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at on my cell number 404-229-9500.

Sincerely,

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**EPA COMMENTS ON THE
DECOMMISSIONING PROJECT FINAL REPORT, BUILDING 484-12D
D-AREA STORAGE BUILDING
JULY 2022**

**SAVANNAH RIVER SITE
AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA**

EPA COMMENTS:

1. The Decommissioning Project Final Report, Building 484-12D, D-Area Storage Building, dated July 2022 (the DPFR) did not provide the decommissioning cost and performance information as stated in the Deactivation and Decommissioning (D&D) Core Team Protocol for Review and Concurrence of Facility Decommissioning Evaluations and Decommissioning Project Final Reports document, dated February 2021 (the D&D Protocol). For example, the text in Section 1.0 (Introduction) of the D&D Protocol states “The DPFR describes the decommissioning project activities and accomplishments, final facility status, cost, and performance information.” It is noted, the DPFR report included the project activities and the final facility status; however, the cost or performance information by Community Reuse Organization (CRO) and CTI and Associates Inc. (Savannah River Nuclear Solutions’ mentor protégé subcontractor) was not provided. Please revise the DPFR to include/reference the cost and performance information as stated in the D&D Protocol.
2. **Section 1.0, Summary, Page 6 of 12, and Section 6.02, Risk Assessment Summary, Page 9 of 12:** The text in the second paragraph indicates the building slab was only observed before, and not after, structure demolition for evidence of contamination, which is inconsistent with the text in Section 6.02 (Risk Assessment Summary). For example, the last sentence in Section 6.02 (Page 9 of 12) states, “Since there was no evidence of contamination on the slab either before or after structure demolition, no final verification survey was required.” Please revise the text in Section 1.0 to state, “Since there was no evidence of contamination on the slab either before or after structure demolition, no final verification survey was required.”
3. **Section 2.01, Facility Description, Page 7 of 12:** The text states that the building was used primarily for storage and fabrication of insulation materials; however, it is unclear of the types or composition of insulating materials that were fabricated. Please revise Section 2.01 to clarify the type and composition of insulation materials that were fabricated at Building 484-12D to ensure that no chemical, hazardous, or radioactive materials were associated with this structure.
4. **Section 6.02, Risk Assessment Summary, Pages 8 & 9 of 12:** The text states, “A review of the existing characterization data, process/building history, sample data and walk downs of the facility prior to decommissioning supported the determination that Building 484-12D met the criteria of a Clean Building, Simple Model as described in Manual 1C, Procedure 501;” however, Section 3.0 (Decommissioning Model Approval) states that there was no regulator walk down of the facility due to COVID-19 travel restrictions. As such, it is unclear which stakeholders participated in walk down evaluations. Please revise Section 6.02 to summarize the stakeholders that participated in the walk down assessments that took place prior to decommissioning Building 484-12D.