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Dear Ms. Fulmer and Mr. Richards:

SUBJECT: Three Party Signed Sixth Five-Year Remedy Review Report for Savannah River Site Operable Units with Operating Equipment (U) Aiken, South Carolina (SRNS-RP-2022-00468, Revision 1 (Corrected), June 2023) SEMS Number: 00

The U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) is submitting the subject document for your files. The Revision 1 report was issued on December 22, 2023. On October 17, 2024, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requested Savannah River Site (SRS) to reevaluate the Short-Term Protectiveness Statement for A/M-Area Groundwater Operable Unit (OU) because the initial remedy review did not present any issues or recommendations that affect current or future protectiveness. SRS performed an evaluation of the comprehensive list of OUs in the Revision 1 report and determined that the Protectiveness Statement for the A/M-Groundwater OU should be corrected from Short-Term Protective to Protective. No change to the Protectiveness Statements was needed for the other OUs included in the Revision 1 report. On October 21, 2024, the DOE, EPA, South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES), and SRS personnel held a conference call to discuss the results of the reevaluation. As agreed to by the participants in the conference call, SRS developed "Corrected" pages, including an Errata Sheet, to document the changed pages and the reason for the change. These changed pages are included in the subject report.

Also as stated during the conference call, SRS will review upcoming remedy review reports and only include OUs in the Issues and Recommendations table if they affect current and/or future protectiveness. Items that SRS wants to include in the five-year remedy review reports that do not affect current and/or

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future protectiveness will be discussed under "Other Findings" as recommended in the EPA's *Five-Year Review Recommended Template* (OLEM 9200.0-89).

The effort and time that the SCDES and EPA have given on the subject report are appreciated. Questions from you or your staff may be directed to me at (803) 952-7805.

Sincerely,

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