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Dear Ms. Fulmer and Mr. Richards:

SUBJECT: U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) Notification of Proposed Lease to Verizon for Cellular Tower and Request for U. S. Environmental Protection Agency's Concurrence of the DOE's Clean Parcel Determination to Support the Lease

In accordance with the requirements of the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) Section XLVI. Property Transfer, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is notifying U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) of its intent to enter into a lease with Verizon Wireless of the East LP d/b/a Verizon Wireless (Verizon) at the Savannah River Site (SRS).

The proposed lease is for the purpose of constructing, installing, maintaining, repairing, replacing, removing, and operating telecommunications facilities, including a free-standing cell tower (approximately 260 feet high), security fencing, equipment cabinets, and other associated structures as approved by DOE. The proposed lease site, known as Verizon SRS II Cell Tower Site, is shown in the Proposed Verizon SRS II Cell Tower Site Figures (Enclosure 1). The lease area will be approximately 100-foot by 100-foot (approximately 10,000 square feet) in size. The lease area also includes a 30-foot-wide ingress/egress and utility easement. The initial term of the lease is for five (5) years and will be automatically extended for four (4) additional five (5) year terms after which the lease is eligible for further extension.

This letter satisfies the requirement for DOE to notify the EPA and SCDHEC of the proposed lease at least ninety (90) days prior to the effective date of the lease. Notice of the *Federal Facility Agreement for*

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the Savannah River Site will be included in the proposed lease, as well as covenants requiring DOE to conduct any response action or corrective action that may be required on the property subsequent to the lease. DOE will retain access rights to the property for purposes of conducting required response action or corrective action.

Under contract with Verizon, Terracon Consultants, Inc. (Terracon) completed a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) for the property (Enclosure 2). The ESA documents that the proposed lease site was observed to consist of juvenile pine and dense scrub vegetation, and a dirt and grassed access road. No standing water or water features such as streams, ponds, or lakes were observed within 300 feet of the site. The Phase I ESA did not identify any potential environmental concerns that would affect the project or present situations of worker exposure to potentially contaminated media. The Terracon Supplemental Letter Report (Enclosure 3) documents that no historical, current, or prospective remedial activities within 500 feet of the proposed lease site have been identified.

Since SRS is on the National Priorities List, DOE requests EPA concurrence, pursuant to Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act Section 120(h)(4), that the subject property is uncontaminated and suitable for lease. SCDHEC concurrence is not required.

The effort and time that the SCDHEC and EPA have given on the subject lease are greatly appreciated.

Questions from you or your staff may be directed to me at (803) 952-8365.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

1. Proposed Verizon SRS II Cell Tower Site Figures (SRNS-OS-2022-00020)
2. Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Proposed Telecommunications Tower Site, dated August 12, 2021 (SRNS-OS-2022-00021)
3. Letter, *Re: Supplemental Letter Report Proposed Telecommunications Tower Site Site Name/Location Code: SRS II SC / 512886 4 Road Savannah River Site, Aiken County, South Carolina Terracon Project No. 49197012C*, dated October 14, 2021 (SRNS-OS-2022-00022)

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