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Re: P-Area Groundwater (PAGW) Operable Unit Data Summary Tables for April 2024 through March 2025, SEMS Number: 81 (RDDD-26-130, dated February 26, 2026) received February 28, 2026.

Dear Mr. Baker:

The Department has completed its review of the above referenced document pursuant to the Savannah River Site Federal Facility Agreement. The attached comments were generated as a result of this review. These comments must be addressed prior to final approval of the above referenced document. As specified in Section XXII, Review/Comment on Documents, the appropriate technical staff will be available to participate in a joint DOE/EPA/SCDES comment resolution meeting to discuss these comments, if necessary.

To schedule a meeting to resolve the attached comments or to obtain further information, please contact me at (803) 898-4331.

Sincerely,

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South Carolina Department of Environmental Services Comments on:
P-Area Groundwater (PAGW) Operable Unit Data Summary Tables for April 2024 through March 2025, SEMS Number: 81 (RDDD-26-130, dated February 26, 2026) received February 28, 2026.

General Comments

1. The response to SCDES General Comment #2 on the 2025 PAGW OU Groundwater Report included a proposal from SRS to discuss FY2027 investigation regarding potential data gaps in the UAZ and LAZ tritium plumes in a Spring 2026 Core Team scoping meeting. The Department agrees with this proposal and would like to have this scoping meeting sometime before the 2027 full report submittal.

Specific Comments

1. Tritium Results, pages 5 and 6. The last sentence of page 5 and ending on page 6 states that surface water station SC-03 continues to exhibit the maximum surface water concentration for tritium with a result of 78.9 pCi/mL. This statement is also presented in the Summary section. However, according to the tritium data presented in Enclosure 1, the listed concentration for SC-03 is 71.00 pCi/mL. Instead, surface water station SC-04 had the highest tritium concentration at 89.40 pCi/mL. This fact should be discussed in this section as well as in the Summary section.