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Dear Ms. Fulmer and Mr. Richards:

SUBJECT: Request for Concurrence to Cease Waste Removal and Proceed to Sample and Analysis Phase of the Operational Closure Process for H-Area Diversion Box 3 (H-Area Tank Farm) (SEMS Number: 89)

On September 10, 2026, the United States (U.S.) Department of Energy – Savannah River Operations Office (DOE-SR) provided a briefing to your agencies which described our proposal to enter the sampling and analysis phase of the closure process for H-Area Diversion Box 3 (HDB-3). Enclosed are copies of the presentation entitled "Proposal to Cease Waste Removal Activities in H-Area Diversion Box 3 and Enter Sampling and Analysis Phase," (SRMC-CWDA-2026-00058, Revision 0, September 10, 2026.

Based on the enclosure and our discussion, your concurrence to cease waste removal and proceed to the sample and analysis phase of the closure processes for HDB-3 is requested. The "Consolidated General Closure Plan for F-Area and H-Area Waste Tank Systems" (SRR-CWDA-2017-00015, Revision 1, April 2017), describes our agreement for documenting the three agency decisions to meet the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA), Appendix L, Statement of Resolution of Dispute Concerning Extension of Closure Dates for Savannah River Site High-Level Radioactive Waste Tanks 19 and 18, Item 9.b. In keeping with this agreement, the concurrence requested by this letter is a preliminary, non-binding concurrence based on the qualitative information available at this time.

The results of the sample and analysis phase will support preparation of a Closure Module covering HDB-3. These results are expected to provide the information necessary to justify that waste has been removed to the extent that is technically practicable from an engineering perspective. This justification will also address programmatic aspects such as technology capabilities, schedule impacts, and a quantified cost, risks, and benefits analysis. The Closure Module will be prepared and provided for your agency's review and comment in accordance with the FFA.

The effort and time that the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have contributed on this subject are appreciated.

Questions from you or your staff may be directed to me at (803) 952-7805, or Mr. Joel Maul at (803) 208-7424.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:
Presentation: "Proposal to Cease Waste Removal Activities in HDB-3 and Enter Sampling and Analysis Phase" (SRMC-CWDA-2026-00058, Revision 0, September 10, 2026)

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