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Dear Ms. Fulmer and Mr. Richards:

SUBJECT: Request to Add the H-Area Asbestos Transite Pits to Early Construction and Operational Disposal Site H-1, SEMS Number: 61

The U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) is requesting approval to add the three H-Area Asbestos Transite Pits to the Early Construction and Operational Disposal Site (ECODS) H-1 entry in the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA). As discussed during the February 21, 2024, H-Area Asbestos Transite Pits Proposed Administrative Path Forward Discussion Microsoft Teams meeting, the Savannah River Site (SRS) recently became aware of three asbestos transite pits in H-Area. The three pits were initially encountered during construction activities in 1993 and marked on the Site Use map. However, they were never listed as potential site evaluation units under the FFA.

The pits are located near ECODS H-1 (a subunit of H-Area Operable Unit), within the H-Area Tritium fence near Building 217-3H, Tritium Support and Maintenance Facility (aka SRTE Construction Support Building). The pits are covered by either asphalt or gravel. Based on the operational history of H Area and the proximal location of ECODS H-1 and the asbestos pits, SRS believes that none of the pits pose an imminent threat to human health or the environment as long as the material is undisturbed. The SRS Geographic Information System maps will be updated to reflect that the asbestos transite pits are part of ECODS H-1. Therefore, SRS recommends that the asbestos transite pits be included as part of ECODS H-1 and remain on FFA Appendix C, RCRA/CERCLA Units List. In addition, the ECODS H-1 entry in FFA Appendix E, Long-Term Projections, would be updated to include the three pits. The ECODS H-1 entry would be revised to read ECODS H-1 (including Three H-Area Asbestos Transite Pits) (West of H-Area Facilities), NBN. Additional information is provided in the enclosed presentation titled *H-Area Asbestos Transite Pits* (SRNS-MS-2024-00070, February 21, 2024).

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Please review the information contained in this letter and the enclosure and provide your responses within fifteen (15) business days of receipt. The effort and time that the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and U. S. Environmental Protection Agency have given on the subject request are greatly appreciated.

Questions from you or your staff may be directed to me at (803) 952-7805.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:

H-Area Asbestos Transite Pits Presentation (SRNS-MS-2024-00070, dated February 21, 2024)

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