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AREA COMPLETION PROJECTS

Dear Mr. Baker:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) request for regulatory concurrence with a preliminary cease waste removal determination for the High-Level Waste Tank (HLWT) Numbers 11 and 15 located in the H-Area. Based on information presented by DOE on May 19th at the South Carolina Department of Environmental Control (SCDES) offices, and EPA's review of the *Proposal to Cease Waste Removal Activities in Tank 11 and Enter Sampling and Analysis Phase* (SRMC-CWDA-2025-00053, Revision 0, May 19, 2025) and the *Proposal to Cease Waste Removal Activities in Tank 15 and Enter Sampling and Analysis Phase* (SRMC-CWDA-2025-00054, Revision 0, May 19, 2025) EPA is in agreement with the preliminary cease waste removal (PCWR) determination. Further, EPA agrees with DOE's proposal to proceed to the sample and analysis phase of the closure process for Tanks 11 and 15. It is understood the results of the sample and analysis phase will support preparation of a Closure Module covering Tanks 11 and 15.

EPA is excited about the progress DOE has achieved in accelerating the removal of high-level liquid waste by exceeding the number of tanks reaching PCWR committed to in the 2022 High Level Waste Tank Agreement and Federal Facility Agreement, to date. We look forward to continued progress in HLWT closure.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (404) 562-8329 or Dawson.Jana@epa.gov.

Thank you,

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