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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 (PCWR) determination for the High-Level Waste Tank (HLWT) 14 [Reference DOE Concurrence Request Letter, M. Baker to S. Fulmer and J. Richards, dated 03-05-2026, SEMS 89].

Based on information presented by DOE at a meeting held at the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services office on March 5th, and EPA's review of the *Proposal to Cease Waste Removal Activities in Tank 14 and Enter Sampling and Analysis Phase* (SRMC-CWDA-2026-00017), EPA is in agreement with the preliminary cease waste removal (PCWR) determination and a proposal to proceed to the sample and analysis phase of the closure process.

EPA acknowledges and appreciates that this PCWR meets the second tank committed for calendar year 2027 and is evidence of DOE's success in accelerating the high level waste tank closure program.

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

Thank you,

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