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APR 14 2023**AREA COMPLETION PROJECTS**

Dear Mr. Hennessey:

EPA has completed a review of DOE's Explanation of Significant Difference (ESD) for Incorporating F-Area Diversion Boxes 5 and 6 into the Revision 1 Interim Record of Decision Remedial Alternative Selection for the F-Area Tank Farm, Waste Tanks 17 and 20 (U) (SRMC-CWDA-2023-00006, Revision 0, January 2023) SEMS Number 23. Based on this review, the following three comments are provided:

1. Page 1 of 11, in the first sentence of the first paragraph, add the site location (Aiken County, South Carolina), as recommended by the EPA guidance document OSWER 9200.1-23P *Guide to Preparing Superfund Proposed Plans, Records of Decision, and Other Remedy Selection Decision Documents*, EPA 540-R-98-031, July 1999, ESD Checklist Highlight 7-2 Sample Outline and Checklist for ESDs and ROD Amendments [ROD ESD Guidance]. For example "...which functions as the lead agency for remedial activities at Savannah River Site (SRS), located near Aiken County, South Carolina, with concurrence by...."
2. Page 1 of 11, at the end of the first paragraph, include the date of IROD signature, as recommended by the ROD ESD Guidance.
3. Page 2 of 14, at the end of first paragraph, it is recommended that a sentence be added to describe the history of prior related ESDs. For example, "An ESD was previously issued to modify the IROD to apply the selected remedy to FTF Waste Tanks 18 and 19 (SRR-CWDA-2013-00007) and to Tanks 5 and 6 (SRR-CWDA-2014-00008)."

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

Thank you,

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