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Re: Federal Facility Agreement Revision 0 Appendix E, Long-Term Projections for Fiscal Year 2019
(Print Date: 10/26/2018) dated November 15, 2018 and received November 16, 2018.

Dear Mr. Hennessey:

The Department has completed its review of the above referenced Appendix E to the Savannah River Site (SRS) Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) and approves Appendix E as submitted. However, the Department requests that the Department of Energy consider the following comments in future Appendix E submittals.

The positive work completed under the SRS FFA has made this one of the most successful agreements within the Department of Energy complex. Though we are aware of the effects of budget shortfalls and continuing missions at SRS on the ability to schedule work in many areas of the site, we remain disappointed in the lack of new work proposed in Appendix E.2 (for FY2021).

We understand that ongoing missions will delay completion of cleanup to 2065; however, this delay means a significant volume of work is pushed out to later years in the cleanup schedule. The Department remains concerned that the extremely heavy ramping up of work scheduled for the end of the SRS lifecycle may not be achievable from a budget or personnel perspective. In the spirit of the Comprehensive Cleanup Plan and Letter of Support and the accelerated cleanup vision for SRS, the Department continues to expect every effort will be made to maintain progress at the site in a timely manner that is protective of human health and the environment. In that vein, the Department requests an evaluation be completed in the upcoming year to identify any projects that can be accelerated and incorporated into the E.1 and E.2 timeframes.

Additionally, as noted in the Suspension Agreement for the FFA High-Level Waste (HLW) Tank Milestones, the three parties agreed to a suspension schedule with several meetings in 2019 to ultimately renegotiate the HLW milestones and modify FFA Appendix L by June 30, 2019. The Department looks forward to the upcoming discussions and recognizes the outcome of these negotiations will necessitate an update to Appendix E.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (803) 898-4331.

Sincerely,



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