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Dear Ms. Fulmer and Mr. Richards:

SUBJECT: Savannah River Site's Response to the Regulatory Comment on the Proposed Plan for the Automotive Repair Shop (716-A) Operable Unit (U) (SRNS-RP-2026-00557, Revision 0, July 2026) SEMS Number: 62

In accordance with the terms of the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA), the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) is submitting the subject information for your review and approval. DOE submitted the *Proposed Plan for the Automotive Repair Shop (716-A) Operable Unit (U)* (SRNS-RP-2026-00557, Revision 0, July 2026) on July 8, 2026. The South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) approved, and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provided a comment on September 3, 2026. The Savannah River Site's response to the EPA's comment is enclosed for your review. Please review the enclosure and provide your response within thirty (30) days of receipt. The time and effort that the SCDES and the EPA have given on the subject operable unit are greatly appreciated.

Questions from you or your staff may be directed to me at (803) 952-6211, or the DOE Program Manager, Mr. Charles Bryan, at (803) 952-7505

Sincerely,
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Enclosure:
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SRS Response to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Comment on the Proposed Plan for the Automotive Repair Shop (716-A) Operable Unit (U), SEMS Number: 62, SRNS-RP-2026-00557, Revision 0, July 2026
Savannah River Site, Aiken, South Carolina


Comment Received: September 3, 2026

**EPA Comment**

1) The steel walls of the automotive repair shop were enclosed in transite, asbestos cement board. How was the asbestos in the building walls handled and disposed of when the Automotive repair shop was demolished?

**Response: Clarification.**

**A licensed asbestos abatement subcontractor removed approximately 80 tons of asbestos (friable)/transite siding (non-friable) and insulation in 2005. The asbestos was disposed of as sanitary waste in the Three Rivers Landfill as documented in the *Decommissioning Project Final Report 716-A, Automotive Repair Shop* (V-PCOR-A-00043, Revision 0, June 30, 2005).**

**No change to the document is proposed.**

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