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Dr. Carl J. Paperiello  
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Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Dr. Paperiello:

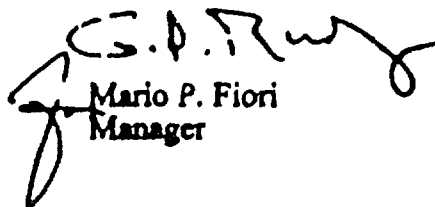
SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Interagency Agreement (IA) between the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Savannah River Operations Office (SR), and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on the Closure of High Level Waste (HLW) Storage Tanks at the Savannah River Site (SRS)

We are looking forward to working with you and the NRC staff in accordance with the recently finalized MOU and IA regarding specific criteria for classification of residual waste in HLW storage tanks at SRS as "incidental" waste.

As a starting point, please find enclosed a copy of the *Regulatory Basis for the Incidental Waste Classification at the Savannah River Site High Level Waste Tank Farms, Revision 1*, dated April 30, 1997, for your staff's review.

Questions may be directed to Frank McCoy, Assistant Manager for High Level Waste, 803-208-6053 or Larry Ling at 803-208-8248.

Sincerely,

  
Mario P. Fiori  
Manager

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Enclosure  
Regulatory Basis for the  
Incidental Waste Classification  
at the SRS HLW Tank Farms, Rev. 1