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Strategic Forces Subcommittee
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Chairman Turner,

It has come to my attention that EM Savannah River Site has a reprogramming request pending before the House Strategic Forces Subcommittee. From my understanding, the request asks for permission to move "operating" funds to "construction" funds for the Salt Waste Processing Facility, a large construction project that supports the high level liquid waste program.

The reprogramming request moves \$34.3 of the project's FY 2012 "operating" funds to "construction" funds, in order to continue construction of the project.

The reprogramming request has been before the Subcommittee since September 2012. It has been approved by the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, and the Senate Armed Services Committee. HASC Strategic Forces is the remaining holdout.

Failure to approve the realignment of funds will force the termination of approximately 700 craft jobs at SRS come February 2013. In addition, this would cause a 2 year delay in the high level waste program, resulting in a significant increase in the lifecycle costs of the program and further delaying remediation of the highest environmental risk on the site.

Once FY 2013 Appropriations have been finalized, the Department needs to send another reprogramming request to move \$40M of the SWPF project funds from operating to construction as well. However, the Appropriators know of this needed action, and may include the funds switch in their final mark up of the FY 2013 bill, thereby avoiding a reprogramming request.

As the Representative of the Second Congressional District of South Carolina, which is home to the Savannah River Site, I ask that you give this request your strongest consideration. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter which is of utmost importance to the Site, its workers, and the American taxpayers.

Sincerely,



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