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Press Conference

**Savannah River Site Community Reuse Organization
Yucca Mountain – Savannah River Site
National Press Club, Washington, DC
Zenger Room, 13th Floor
April 28, 2010, 11 a.m. EST**

- Welcome & Opening Remarks
 - Rick McLeod, Executive Director, SRS Community Reuse Organization
- Remarks by David Jameson, Chairman, SRS Community Reuse Organization
 - President, Greater Aiken, SC, Chamber of Commerce
- Remarks by Sue Parr, Co-Chair, SRSCRO Yucca Mountain Task Force
 - President, Augusta, GA, Metro Chamber of Commerce
- Remarks by Brian Tucker, Co-Chair, SRSCRO Yucca Mountain Task Force
 - President, North Augusta, SC, Chamber of Commerce
- Aiken County, SC, Federal Lawsuit vs. DOE re: Yucca Mountain
Clay Killian, Aiken County Administrator
- Questions and Answers
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Good morning. We are here today as a group of communities representing a five-county, two-state region around the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site.

We are in Washington in force to meet with our two-state congressional delegation to deliver a forceful message about the federal government's ill-advised decision to halt construction of a permanent nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain in Nevada.

Most of the people you see in this room are community leaders from South Carolina and Georgia who have taken their time and spent their money to be here today.

We are here to make a simple statement: the federal government has broken faith with our communities and with others across the country who trusted implicitly in the Department of Energy's commitment to complete Yucca Mountain as the nation's preferred method of nuclear waste storage.

Yucca Mountain is the most studied piece of land on earth. For three decades, the government has spent \$10 billion to characterize this remote site in the Nevada desert... and the conclusions overwhelmingly support Yucca Mountain as a viable, safe, preferred method of permanent geologic disposal.

The federal government has reneged on its promise to provide a permanent repository for defense nuclear waste and for commercial spent fuel from nuclear power plants.

As a region, we have counted on this promise and on the government's assurances that our site and others would be a temporary home for nuclear waste. We relied even more heavily on this promise once the choice of Yucca Mountain became the law of the land through the Nuclear Waste Policy Act.

Now the federal government ... through the Department of Energy ... has decided to halt construction of Yucca Mountain ... withdraw its licensing application ... and basically go back to square one to examine potential options.

We do not agree with this decision. Moreover, we find it outrageous . . . particularly since the federal panel formed to explore options has no community representatives at all ... despite our repeated call for representation on this panel.

Earlier this month, Secretary of Energy Steven Chu said he would not "linger over the decision to stop work at Yucca Mountain."

He said his plans to abort Yucca Mountain "will not be derailed by congressional resistance."

He said DOE is taking steps to end Yucca Mountain because "we see no point in it."

He said the decision has been made, and it's time to move forward.

Mr. Secretary ... we have a message for you today. With all due respect, your decision with respect to Yucca Mountain is ill-advised and wrong-headed.

It ignores science.

It ignores a preponderance of empirical data.

It ignores the law.

It ignores the will of congress.

It ignores a substantial investment of the people's resources.

It ignores the federal government's decades-long promise to communities like ours.

It should not stand.

Yucca Mountain is the right answer to permanent waste storage and its completion should be pursued vigorously.

Today, you will hear about resolutions and lawsuits and about our plans to continue to raise our collective voice about this ill-advised federal decision.

DOE's action in terminating Yucca Mountain has the effect of turning the Savannah River Site and many other locations across the country into *de facto* permanent storage sites. We view this as an intolerable situation and do not intend to accept it without protest.

We believed we had a trusted partner in the federal government. Today, that partnership is in question.

In our view, the department of energy has broken faith with the people of the Savannah River region and with other communities who, like us, trusted the government's promise.

As our executive director, Rick McLeod, told the DOE's blue ribbon panel on America's nuclear future recently ... we do not intend to be timid or reticent on this subject. We did our part --- our community has lived with nuclear waste for over 50 years. We expect the government to do theirs --- move the waste to a permanent repository.

I would now like to introduce Sue Parr. Sue is co-chair of the SRS Community Reuse Organization Yucca Mountain Task Force ... and is also president of the Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce.

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Good morning. As my colleagues have indicated in their previous remarks, it is clear that Aiken County believes, as do many experts and scientists who have studied the site, Yucca Mountain is clearly the best place to store America's nuclear waste. My statement will focus on Aiken County's legal actions against the United States Department of Energy for its plans to stop the application process for the Yucca Mountain project.

Aiken County has filed a federal lawsuit in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia. In our petition, we request that the Court not allow the withdrawal of the application for the permit to develop Yucca Mountain as the nation's deep geologic repository for nuclear waste. We do not discuss the technical reasons that indicate Yucca Mountain is the best site for a repository, but rather focus on the law that establishes processes for its development.

The Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, as amended, clearly designates Yucca Mountain as the repository for nuclear waste. Congress reiterated that intention in action taken as recently as 2002. The Act also clearly provides that the Department of Energy must prepare and submit to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission a construction license application. That application was submitted, in accordance with the Act, in 2008 and has been under review by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for more than a year. It is clear to us that the Department of Energy should not short-circuit the process and that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission must be allowed to complete its work on the permit application.

We also believe that the action of the Department of Energy to withdraw the application also violates the National Environmental Policy Act. This Act requires the preparation of a federal environmental impact statement. As part of the process of producing the FEIS mandated under NEPA and the NWPA, the Department of Energy was required to consider various alternatives to the Yucca Mountain facility, and was required to solicit public comment and the comments of other federal agencies.

One of those alternatives was the so called "no build option" for Yucca Mountain, an alternative rejected by the Department of Energy. In rejecting this option, the Department concluded that "there could be large public health and environmental consequences under the no-action alternative...causing storage facilities and containers to deteriorate and radioactive contaminants from the spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste to enter the environment. In such circumstances, there would be "widespread contamination at the 73 commercial and 5 DOE sites across the United States, with resulting human health impacts." Therefore, by withdrawing the application, the Department of Energy has effectively attempted to implement the previously rejected "no build alternative" and unlawfully foreclosed on any option involving Yucca Mountain.

Aiken County further believes the action of the Department of Energy is a violation of the United States Constitution in that legislative action is vested in the congress and executive

power is vested with the President. The executive branch, acting through its Department of Energy, cannot ignore or violate a properly adopted law of the United States Congress. The Nuclear Waste Policy Act is clear in its meaning and must be implemented as adopted.

The current administration has stated its intention not to proceed with the Yucca Mountain project. Many affected persons have attempted to engage in meaningful discussions about the matter and, while our congressional delegation has been very supportive and active, our requests have not met with much success.

The citizens of our region have been rebuffed at every turn by the Department of Energy when attempting to understand the rationale behind, and the impact of, their Yucca Mountain decision on our community. Given the fact that nobody in the Department appears to be listening to our pleas or, worse, is simply dismissing them as unimportant, Aiken County felt it was both necessary and proper to take legal action at this time in order to require that the licensing procedure go forward.

It is abundantly clear to us that the Department of Energy's actions are in violation of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, and raise constitutional separation of powers concerns. These laws were lawfully enacted by Congress and should not be ignored by the Department. Rather, we call on the Department to aggressively implement the requirements of these laws in the most expeditious manner possible.

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Good morning. I'm Rick McLeod ... Executive Director of the Savannah River Site Community Reuse Organization or SRSCRO.

Thank you for coming today. There is a description of our organization in your press packet. We are a non-profit community organization representing five counties in Georgia and South Carolina. These counties surround the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site.

For those of you who may not be familiar, the Savannah River Site is one of DOE's major defense production facilities. Located on a 310-square-mile site on the South Carolina/Georgia border, it began operation in 1953 with primary responsibility for producing the basic materials for use in nuclear weapons. . .primarily tritium and plutonium-239.

The SRSCRO's primary mission is to support economic development efforts and job creation ... to promote new missions for the Savannah River Site ... and to serve as a unified voice for the region.

We are here for the next few minutes to discuss a topic of utmost importance to our region and to the American people as a whole. That topic is the permanent disposal of high-level nuclear waste generated over the years at America's nuclear weapons plants like our own Savannah River Site.

The Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 established Yucca Mountain as the preferred and only site for permanent storage of nuclear waste. It also committed the federal government to accept defense waste and commercial spent fuel for long-term storage. When the waste finally reached the depths of Yucca Mountain, it would be safe and secure. It was a solution forever sealed from human intervention.

In our discussions today, we will focus mostly on the high-level nuclear waste generated over more than a half century at the nation's nuclear weapons facilities.

Over its 50 year history, the Savannah River Site did yeoman's service in meeting the nation's need for nuclear material. In the process, high-level wastes were produced and provisions were made for temporary storage of these waste materials on site.

The liquid high-level wastes were originally stored in more than 50 underground tanks at Savannah River. The waste was stored with the full expectation that a process would be identified that would lead to permanent disposal.

In 1982, DOE published the environmental assessment for the federal geologic repository mandated by the nuclear waste policy act. In this document, borosilicate glass was chosen as the high level waste form.

In the mid-1980s, the \$1.2 billion defense waste processing facility (known as DWPF) was constructed at the Savannah River Site to carry out the process of converting the liquid waste to "glass logs" that would then be shipped to Yucca Mountain for permanent disposal.

In 1985, the Department of Energy instituted a waste acceptance process to assure that DWPF glass waste forms would be acceptable to such a repository, in this case Yucca Mountain.

This assurance was important since production of waste forms preceded repository construction and licensing.

Today, the Savannah River Site has approximately 3,000 canisters of legacy high level waste from the cold war stored on site. Another 3,000 to 4,000 canisters will be generated in processing the remaining liquid radioactive waste now in the aging tank farms at SRS. The finished product of all of this waste has been or will be processed with specifications for the eventual disposal in Yucca Mountain.

What now? Why abandon Yucca Mountain and what will take its place? Will the waste that has already been processed meet the new acceptance criteria for another repository or disposal site?

We have depended for decades on government assurances that the nuclear waste and spent fuel that now resides in our communities would be moved to a permanent repository.

It was never intended that the temporary storage would remain permanent.

We are here today to shine a spotlight on this issue from the standpoint of one affected community. A copy of today's agenda is in your packet. Four speakers will talk briefly and then we will be pleased to take your questions.

I would first like to introduce the Chairman of the SRS Community Reuse Organization ... and president of the Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce ... David Jameson.

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Good morning. The federal government's decision to halt work on Yucca Mountain abruptly took away the most highly studied, clearly preferred option for permanent waste storage available.

Yucca Mountain is not just a good choice ... or good policy ... it is the law of the land. The Nuclear Waste Policy Act mandates that Yucca Mountain be developed as the nation's permanent nuclear waste storage facility.

The government's unexpected action took communities like ours by surprise. We knew the schedule had been delayed and the pace was slow ... but we thought we could count on the government to follow the law ... and complete Yucca Mountain as promised.

In thinking about the events of recent months, community leaders in our region have developed three recommendations that we are submitting to federal officials for their consideration.

First, we believe we deserve a seat at the table on the department's blue ribbon panel on America's nuclear future which is considering options for future waste storage.

There is currently no member on the panel which represents the parts of our society most affected by these deliberations. This panel has many distinguished topical and policy experts, but it does not have a voice representing the countless millions of persons-on-the-street who live in the hundreds of communities near federal and commercial nuclear sites.

What the panel recommends will impact us in the nuclear communities more than any other group. Fairness dictates that we have more than casual input.

Second, any review of potential disposition options for high level waste must include Yucca Mountain as one option.

Yucca Mountain is the only known means to dispose of high level waste, and it must not be discarded unless and until a better disposal option has been determined and verified.

Many of the waste materials have been processed in an irreversible procedure into glass logs specifically to be compatible with Yucca Mountain. They may now be unsuitable for any other geologic disposal option.

For those of us who live near DOE sites with defense high level wastes, a geologic repository at Yucca Mountain has always been the only answer. There is not now – nor has there ever been – a plan B.

Like it or not, yucca mountain is the "gold standard". Every option considered will be compared to Yucca Mountain. If Yucca Mountain is not considered in the panel's deliberations, its report will lack credibility and its impact will be minimized.

Third, we support processing options as one means to reduce the quantities of spent nuclear fuel.

The need for a Yucca Mountain capability varies with the processing option to be developed; however, even if spent nuclear fuel process is chosen as an option, permanent high level waste disposal will still be required.

Finally, we would say that it is important that this problem not be pushed further down the road without resolution. The Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 envisioned a technically driven process that would be considered fair by the selected site. That process was followed in selecting Yucca Mountain.

The issue with Yucca Mountain is not its safety or its technical feasibility. The issue is the lack of political will to follow the conclusions of good science. Yucca Mountain is an excellent solution to the challenges of long-term waste storage.

The big problem today is not technical ... it is political. What we are experiencing now is reluctance on the part of the department of energy to face hard political realities in a way that respects scientific evidence ... promotes workable solutions ... and guarantees that the government's long-standing promise to our communities and others will be honored.

I would now like to introduce Brian Tucker. Brian is my co-chair on the SRS Community Reuse Organization Yucca Mountain task force. He also serves as president of the North Augusta, South Carolina, Chamber of Commerce.

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Community Leaders around Nuclear Weapons Site Protest Energy Secretary's Yucca Mountain Decision

WASHINGTON, DC – Forty community leaders from a two-state area surrounding one of the Nation's major nuclear defense facilities came to Washington Wednesday to send a message to the Obama Administration: Finish work on the Nation's permanent nuclear waste repository at Yucca Mountain.

In a morning press conference at the National Press Club, the group, composed of elected officials and business leaders from five counties in Georgia and South Carolina near DOE's Savannah River Site, also challenged Secretary of Energy Stephen Chu to name a community representative to his Blue Ribbon Panel on America's Nuclear Future. The group, co-chaired by former Congressman Lee Hamilton and General Brent Scowcroft, has 15 members composed primarily of academics and Washington political figures.

"We are here to make a simple statement: the federal government has broken faith with our communities and with others across the country who trusted implicitly in the Department of Energy's commitment to complete Yucca Mountain as the nation's preferred method of nuclear waste storage," David Jameson, chairman of the Savannah River Site Community Reuse Organization (SRSCRO), a two-state economic development support group, said.

Addressing the Secretary of Energy, Jameson added, "Mr. Secretary, we have a message for you today. With all due respect, your decision with respect to Yucca Mountain is ill-advised and wrong-headed. It ignores science. It ignores a preponderance of empirical data. It ignores the law. It ignores the will of congress. It ignores a substantial investment of the people's resources. It ignores the federal government's decades-long promise to communities like ours. It should not stand."

Calling Yucca Mountain "the most studied piece of land on earth," Jameson said the site in the remote Nevada desert "is the right answer to permanent waste storage and its completion should be pursued vigorously."

Jameson said DOE's action in terminating Yucca Mountain has the effect of turning the Savannah River Site and many other locations across the country into *de facto* permanent storage sites.

"We view this as an intolerable situation and do not intend to accept it without protest," he said. "We believed we had a trusted partner in the federal government. Today, that partnership is in question."

Sue Parr, co-chair of the SRSCRO Yucca Mountain Task Force and president of the Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce, said while DOE's Blue Ribbon panel has many distinguished topical and policy experts, it lacks a voice representing "the countless millions of persons-on-the-street who live in the hundreds of communities near federal and commercial nuclear sites."

"What the panel recommends will impact us in the nuclear communities more than any other group," she said. "Fairness dictates that we have more than casual input."

Brian Tucker, co-chair of the SRSCRO Yucca Mountain Task Force and president of the North Augusta, SC, Chamber of Commerce, said 19 political and economic development entities ranging from the South Carolina House of Representatives to chambers of commerce and small towns near the Savannah River Site have adopted strongly worded resolutions objecting to the Federal Government's decision to abandon Yucca Mountain as its preferred option for nuclear waste storage.

"While we are here, we will present these resolutions to our congressional delegation, to the Secretary of Energy and to members of his Blue Ribbon Panel," Tucker said. "We want all parties involved to appreciate the intensity of our concern as a region and our commitment to being part of this discussion as ideas are put forth and future plans are formulated."

In recent weeks, Aiken County, South Carolina, filed a lawsuit in the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia seeking judicial relief to keep the Yucca Mountain licensing process active. The State of Washington has filed a suit seeking to prevent DOE from permanently shutting down Yucca Mountain. A group of business leaders in Hanford, Washington, has filed a similar suit.

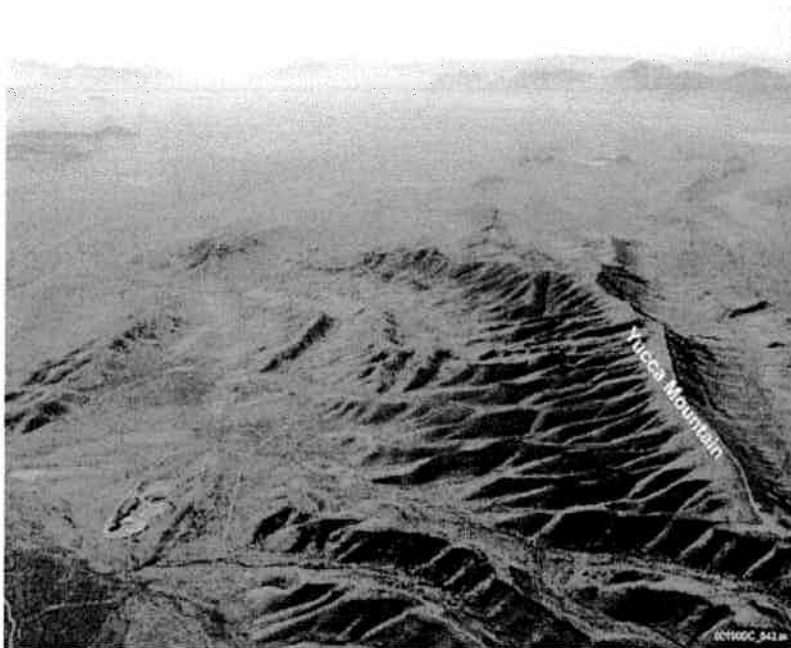
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NOTE TO EDITORS: A list of groups that have adopted pro-Yucca Mountain resolutions is attached.

South Carolina/Georgia Groups Adopting Pro-Yucca Mountain Resolutions

- South Carolina House Of Representatives
- Aiken County, SC
- Allendale County
- Barnwell County, SC
- Augusta/Richmond County, GA
- Columbia County, GA
- Columbia County, GA, Development Authority
- Greater Aiken, SC, Chamber Of Commerce
- Augusta, GA, Metro Chamber Of Commerce
- North Augusta, SC, Chamber Of Commerce
- Columbia County, GA, Chamber of Commerce
- Aiken Edgefield Economic Development Partnership
- Southern Carolina Regional Development Authority
- SRS Community Reuse Organization
- Augusta Tomorrow
- CSRA Fort Gordon Alliance
- City Of Aiken, SC
- City Of Barnwell, SC
- Town Of Fairfax, SC

CSRA COMMUNITY RESOLUTIONS



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H. 4318.

Introduced by Representatives T.R. Young, Stewart, J.R. Smith, Clyburn, D.C. Smith, Spires, Hosey, Sellers, McLeod and Duncan.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

TO REGISTER THE STRONG OBJECTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO ABANDON YUCCA MOUNTAIN AS THE PREFERRED PERMANENT REPOSITORY FOR DEFENSE NUCLEAR WASTE AND COMMERCIAL SPENT FUEL.

WHEREAS, the Savannah River Site, having served for more than a half century as a production facility for materials utilized in the country's nuclear-weapons program, is a critical part of the United States government's national defense infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the citizens who reside in the two-state region surrounding the Savannah River Site have expressed strong support and appreciation for the site's mission and contributions to national security and for electric power produced by commercial nuclear plants in Georgia and South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the federal government long has pledged that commercial spent nuclear fuel and high-level defense nuclear waste such as that generated at the Savannah River Site would be permanently stored in a specially designed and constructed underground repository at Yucca Mountain in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of this State and region have fully and confidently relied on federal assurances that a permanent repository would be available; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has announced that it is abandoning plans to complete the permanent repository at Yucca Mountain in the Nevada desert and that an acceptable substitute option does not currently exist; and

WHEREAS, the federal government's decision to abandon Yucca Mountain means the Savannah River Site may become a permanent repository for defense nuclear waste in violation of long-standing federal assurances to the contrary; and

WHEREAS, permanent storage of defense nuclear waste in our State is not compatible with the best interests of our citizens, our economic future, or our image as a great place to live and work.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

THAT the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, register their strong objection to the federal government's decision to abandon Yucca Mountain as the preferred permanent repository for defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the South Carolina General Assembly call upon the United States Department of Energy, the Congress, and the Administration to continue development of Yucca Mountain as the preferred option for permanent storage of defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel.

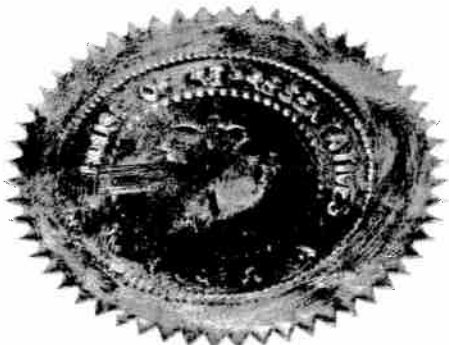
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the South Carolina General Assembly call upon these entities to explore ways and means to continue the funding of \$150 million in the fiscal year 2011 budget for the review of the Yucca Mountain license application and future activities of the nuclear-waste disposal program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the South Carolina General Assembly call upon the Department of Energy to assure the citizens of this State that the federal government will honor its long-standing commitment to provide for permanent nuclear-waste storage in an approved facility.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of South Carolina's Congressional Delegation.

State of South Carolina
In the House of Representatives
Columbia, South Carolina
January 28, 2010

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed in the House of Representatives and concurred in by the Senate.




Robert W. Harrell, Jr.
Speaker


Charles F. Reid
Clerk of the House



COMMUNITY REUSE ORGANIZATION

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, THE SAVANNAH RIVER SITE is a critical part of the U. S. Government's national defense infrastructure, having served for more than a half century as a production facility for materials utilized in the country's nuclear weapons program; and

WHEREAS, THE CITIZENS who reside in a two-state region surrounding the Savannah River Site have over the years expressed strong support and appreciation for the mission and contributions to national security made by the Site and for electric power produced by commercial nuclear plants in Georgia and South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT has pledged for years that commercial spent nuclear fuel and high-level defense nuclear waste such as that generated at SRS would be permanently stored in a specially designed and constructed underground repository at Yucca Mountain in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, THE CITIZENS of this region have fully and confidently relied on Federal assurances that a permanent repository would be available; and

WHEREAS, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT has announced that it is abandoning plans to complete the planned permanent repository at Yucca Mountain in the Nevada desert and that an acceptable substitute option does not currently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **SRS Community Reuse Organization** strongly objects to the Government's decision to abandon Yucca Mountain as the preferred permanent repository for defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government's decision to abandon Yucca Mountain means that the Savannah River Site may become a permanent repository for defense nuclear waste in violation of long-standing Federal assurances to the contrary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT permanent storage of defense nuclear waste in our region is not compatible with the best interests of our citizens, our economic future, or our image as a great place to live and work; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the **SRS Community Reuse Organization** calls upon the U. S. Department of Energy, the Congress and the Administration to continue development of Yucca Mountain as the preferred option for permanent storage of defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel and explore ways and means to continue funding of \$150M in the FY 2011 budget for the review of the Yucca Mountain license application and future activities of the nuclear waste disposal program.

WE FURTHER CALL ON THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY to assure the citizens of our region that the Government will honor its long-standing commitment to provide for permanent waste storage in an approved facility.

ADOPTED THIS 22nd DAY OF APRIL, 2010.

J. David Jameson
Chairman
SRS Community Reuse Organization

Richard V. McLeod
Executive Director
SRS Community Reuse Organization

Sponsor(s) : Smith
Committee Referral : N/A
Committee Consideration Date : N/A
Committee Recommendation : N/A
Effective Date : February 3, 2010

RESOLUTION NO. 10-02-33

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR AIKEN COUNTY

(Requesting the United States Department of Energy, the Congress and the Administration to Continue Development of Yucca Mountain as the Preferred Option for Permanent Storage of Defense Nuclear Waste and Commercial Spent Fuel.)

WHEREAS:

1. The Savannah River Site is a critical part of the U. S. Government's national defense infrastructure, having served for more than a half century as a production facility for materials utilized in the country's nuclear weapons program; and
2. The citizens who reside in a two-state region surrounding the Savannah River Site have over the years expressed strong support and appreciation for the mission and contributions to national security made by the Site and for electric power produced by commercial nuclear plants in Georgia and South Carolina; and
3. The Federal Government has pledged for years that commercial spent nuclear fuel and high-level defense nuclear waste such as that generated at SRS would be permanently stored in a specially designed and constructed underground repository at Yucca Mountain in Nevada; and
4. The citizens of this region have fully and confidently relied on Federal assurances that a permanent repository would be available; and
5. The Federal Government has announced that it is abandoning plans to complete the planned permanent repository at Yucca Mountain in the Nevada desert and that an acceptable substitute option does not currently exist; and
6. The Senior Senator from the State of Nevada has been quoted as saying "the proposal to dump nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain threatened the health and safety of Nevadans..." and it "...is simply not a safe or secure site to store nuclear waste" begging the question as to why it is safe for South Carolinians or other citizens living near facilities storing nuclear waste when years of research and science have indicated there is no better place to store such material than Yucca Mountain.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AIKEN COUNTY COUNCIL THAT:


1. Aiken County Council strongly objects to the Government's decision to abandon Yucca Mountain as the preferred permanent repository for defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel.
2. The Government's decision to abandon Yucca Mountain means that the Savannah River Site may become a permanent repository for defense nuclear waste in violation of long-standing Federal assurances to the contrary.
3. Permanent storage of defense nuclear waste in our region is not compatible with the best interests of our citizens, our economic future, or our image as a great place to live and work.
4. Aiken County Council calls upon the U. S. Department of Energy, the Congress and the Administration to continue development of Yucca Mountain as the preferred option for permanent storage of defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel and explore ways and means to continue funding of \$150M in

the FY 2011 budget for the review of the Yucca Mountain license application and future activities of the nuclear waste disposal program.

5. Aiken County Council calls on the Department of Energy to assure the citizens of our region that the Government will honor its long-standing commitment to provide for permanent waste storage in an approved facility.

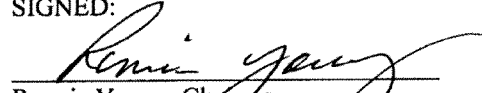
Adopted at the regular meeting of Aiken County Council on February 2, 2010.

ATTEST:



Tamara Sullivan, Council Clerk

SIGNED:



Ronnie Young, Chairman

COUNCIL VOTE: Unanimous

ABSENT: Hightower

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT has announced that it is abandoning plans to complete the planned permanent repository at Yucca Mountain in the Nevada desert and that an acceptable substitute option does not currently exist,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that **Allendale County, South Carolina** strongly objects to the Government's decision to abandon Yucca Mountain as the preferred permanent repository for defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government's decision to abandon Yucca Mountain means that the Savannah River Site may become a permanent repository for defense nuclear waste in violation of long-standing Federal assurances to the contrary, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT permanent storage of defense nuclear waste in our region is not compatible with the best interests of our citizens, our economic future, or our image as a great place to live and work

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Allendale County, South Carolina calls upon the U. S. Department of Energy, the Congress and the Administration to continue development of Yucca Mountain as the preferred option for permanent storage of defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel and explore ways and means to continue funding of \$150M in the FY 2011 budget for the review of the Yucca Mountain license application and future activities of the nuclear waste disposal program;

WE FURTHER CALL ON THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY to assure the citizens of our region that the Government will honor its long-standing commitment to provide for permanent waste storage in an approved facility.

ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF January, 2010 AT Allendale Co., SC.

James A. [Signature]
Paul [Signature]
James [Signature]

Will [Signature] 02/18/2010

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WHEREAS, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT has announced that it is abandoning plans to complete the planned permanent repository at Yucca Mountain in the Nevada desert and that an acceptable substitute option does not currently exist,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Delegation Members of the Georgia General Assembly of Augusta-Richmond and Burke Counties strongly object to the Government's decision to abandon Yucca Mountain as the preferred permanent repository for defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel;

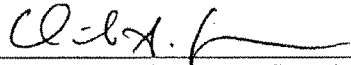
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government's decision to abandon Yucca Mountain means that the Savannah River Site may become a permanent repository for defense nuclear waste in violation of long-standing Federal assurances to the contrary, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT permanent storage of defense nuclear waste in our region is not compatible with the best interests of our citizens, our economic future, or our image as a great place to live and work

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Delegation Members of the Georgia General Assembly of Augusta-Richmond and Burke Counties calls upon the U. S. Department of Energy, the Congress and the Administration to continue development of Yucca Mountain as the preferred option for permanent storage of defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel and explore ways and means to continue funding of \$150M in the FY 2011 budget for the review of the Yucca Mountain license application and future activities of the nuclear waste disposal program;

WE FURTHER CALL ON THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY to assure the citizens of our region that the Government will honor its long-standing commitment to provide for permanent waste storage in an approved facility.

ADOPTED THIS 1st DAY OF April, 2010.

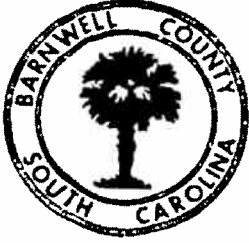


Mayor, City of Augusta, Georgia

ATTEST:



Clerk of Commission



Fax: (803) 541-1104

Barnwell County
Administration
County Administration Building
Room 126
Barnwell, SC 29812
Phone: (803) 541-1000

Pickens Williams, Jr.
County Administrator
LaToya Shuler
Administrative Assistant

March 23, 2010

Rick McLeod
P.O. Box 696
Aiken, SC 29802

Dear Rick:

Attached is a signed copy of the resolution related to the permanent storage of High Level Defense Nuclear waste at Savannah River Site. Barnwell County Council approved the resolution at their March 2, 2010 meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pickens".

Pickens Williams, Jr.
Barnwell County Administrator

PWJ:lds

Attachment

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF BARNWELL)

Resolution No. 2010-03-³³⁰_____

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WHEREAS, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT has announced that it is abandoning plans to complete the planned permanent repository at Yucca Mountain in the Nevada desert and that an acceptable substitute option does not currently exist,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Barnwell County strongly objects to the Government's decision to abandon Yucca Mountain as the preferred permanent repository for defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government's decision to abandon Yucca Mountain means that the Savannah River Site may become a permanent repository for defense nuclear waste in violation of long-standing Federal assurances to the contrary, and

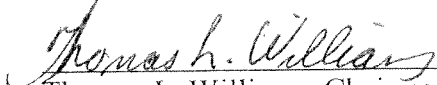
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT permanent storage of defense nuclear waste in our region is not compatible with the best interests of our citizens, our economic future, or our image as a great place to live and work

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Barnwell County calls upon the U. S. Department of Energy, the Congress and the Administration to continue development of Yucca Mountain as the preferred option for permanent storage of defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel and explore ways and means to continue funding of \$150M in the FY 2011 budget for the review of the Yucca Mountain license application and future activities of the nuclear waste disposal program;

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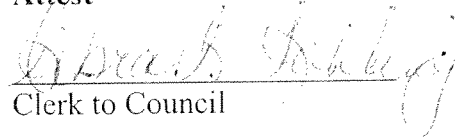
ADOPTED this 2nd day of March, 2010 at the Regular Barnwell County Council meeting.

Barnwell County



Thomas L. Williams, Chairman

Attest



Clerk to Council



March 17, 2010

Mr. Rick McLeod
SRS Community Reuse Organization
PO Box 696
Aiken, SC 29802

RE: Objection to the Abandonment of Yucca Mountain

Dear Mr. McLeod:

Enclosed is an original copy of Resolution 10-829, a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Columbia County, Georgia Objecting to the Abandonment of Yucca Mountain.

Should you have any questions or require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charlene R. Sharkey".

Charlene R. Sharkey,
Deputy Clerk,
Columbia County Board of Commissioners

/crs
Enclosures

RESOLUTION 10-829

WHEREAS, THE SAVANNAH RIVER SITE is a critical part of the U. S. Government's national defense infrastructure, having served for more than a half century as a production facility for materials utilized in the country's nuclear weapons program, and

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WHEREAS, THE CITIZENS of this region have fully and confidently relied on Federal assurances that a permanent repository would be available; and

WHEREAS, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT has announced that it is abandoning plans to complete the planned permanent repository at Yucca Mountain in the Nevada desert and that an acceptable substitute option does not currently exist,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Columbia County, Georgia strongly objects to the Government's decision to abandon Yucca Mountain as the preferred permanent repository for defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government's decision to abandon Yucca Mountain means that the Savannah River Site may become a permanent repository for defense nuclear waste in violation of long-standing Federal assurances to the contrary, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT permanent storage of defense nuclear waste in our region is not compatible with the best interests of our citizens, our economic future, or our image as a great place to live and work

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Columbia County, Georgia calls upon the U. S. Department of Energy, the Congress and the Administration to continue development of Yucca Mountain as the preferred option for permanent storage of defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel and explore ways and means to continue funding of \$150M in the FY 2011 budget for the review of the Yucca Mountain license application and future activities of the nuclear waste disposal program;

WE FURTHER CALL ON THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY to assure the citizens of our region that the Government will honor its long-standing commitment to provide for permanent waste storage in an approved facility.

Adopted: March 16, 2010

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
COLUMBIA COUNTY, GEORGIA**

By: 

Its Chairman

Attest: 

Its Clerk

[COUNTY SEAL]

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT has announced that it is abandoning plans to complete the planned permanent repository at Yucca Mountain in the Nevada desert and that an acceptable substitute option does not currently exist,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **CSRA Alliance for Fort Gordon, Inc.**, strongly objects to the Government's decision to abandon Yucca Mountain as the preferred permanent repository for defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel;

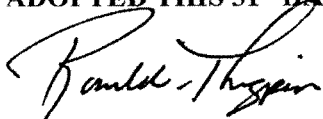
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the **CSRA Alliance for Fort Gordon, Inc.**, calls upon the U. S. Department of Energy, the Congress and the Administration to continue development of Yucca Mountain as the preferred option for permanent storage of defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel and explore ways and means to continue funding of \$150M in the FY 2011 budget for the review of the Yucca Mountain license application and future activities of the nuclear waste disposal program;

WE FURTHER CALL ON THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY to assure the citizens of our region that the Government will honor its long-standing commitment to provide for permanent waste storage in an approved facility.

ADOPTED THIS 31st DAY OF March, 2010



Ronald L. Thigpen, Chairman, on behalf of the Board of Directors, CSRA Alliance for Fort Gordon, Inc.



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, THE SAVANNAH RIVER SITE is a critical part of the U. S. Government's national defense infrastructure, having served for more than a half century as a production facility for materials utilized in the country's nuclear weapons program, and

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WHEREAS, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT has announced that it is abandoning plans to complete the planned permanent repository at Yucca Mountain in the Nevada desert and that an acceptable substitute option does not currently exist,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that [name of political entity] strongly objects to the Government's decision to abandon Yucca Mountain as the preferred permanent repository for defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government's decision to abandon Yucca Mountain means that the Savannah River Site may become a permanent repository for defense nuclear waste in violation of long-standing Federal assurances to the contrary, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT permanent storage of defense nuclear waste in our region is not compatible with the best interests of our citizens, our economic future, or our image as a great place to live and work



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce calls upon the U. S. Department of Energy, the Congress and the Administration to continue development of Yucca Mountain as the preferred option for permanent storage of defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel and explore ways and means to continue funding of \$150M in the FY 2011 budget for the review of the Yucca Mountain license application and future activities of the nuclear waste disposal program;

WE FURTHER CALL ON THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY to assure the citizens of our region that the Government will honor its long-standing commitment to provide for permanent waste storage in an approved facility.

ADOPTED THIS 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2009.

Signature 

Joe E. Lewis
2009 Chair
Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, THE SAVANNAH RIVER SITE is a critical part of the U. S. Government's national defense infrastructure, having served for more than a half century as a production facility for materials utilized in the country's nuclear weapons program, and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce** strongly objects to the Government's decision to abandon Yucca Mountain as the preferred permanent repository for defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government's decision to abandon Yucca Mountain means that the Savannah River Site may become a permanent repository for defense nuclear waste in violation of long-standing Federal assurances to the contrary, and

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WE FURTHER CALL ON THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY to assure the citizens of our region that the Government will honor its long-standing commitment to provide for permanent waste storage in an approved facility.

ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2010


Susan L. Parr, President/CEO on behalf of Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

RESOLUTION

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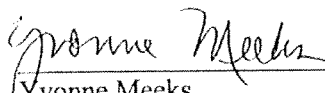
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce calls upon the U. S. Department of Energy, the Congress and the Administration to continue development of Yucca Mountain as the preferred option for permanent storage of defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel and explore ways and means to continue funding of \$150M in the FY 2011 budget for the review of the Yucca Mountain license application and future activities of the nuclear waste disposal program;

WE FURTHER CALL ON THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY to assure the citizens of our region that the Government will honor its long-standing commitment to provide for permanent waste storage in an approved facility.

ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2010 AT the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce Board of Director's meeting in Evans Georgia, Columbia County.


Yvonne Meeks
Board of Directors, Chair


Jim Tingen
President & CEO

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT has announced that it is abandoning plans to complete the planned permanent repository at Yucca Mountain in the Nevada desert and that an acceptable substitute option does not currently exist,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that **The North Augusta Chamber of Commerce** strongly objects to the Government's decision to abandon Yucca Mountain as the preferred permanent repository for defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the North Augusta Chamber of Commerce fully supports recent legal action pertaining to the Yucca Mountain Project taken by the Aiken County Council, and

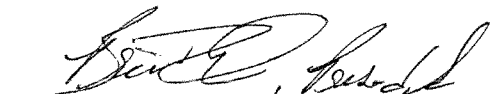
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT The North Augusta Chamber of Commerce calls upon the U. S. Department of Energy, the Congress and the Administration to continue development of Yucca Mountain as the preferred option for permanent storage of defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel and explore ways and means to continue funding of \$150M in the FY 2011 budget for the review of the Yucca Mountain license application and future activities of the nuclear waste disposal program;

WE FURTHER CALL ON THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY to assure the citizens of our region that the Government will honor its long-standing commitment to provide for permanent waste storage in an approved facility.

ADOPTED THIS 23rd DAY OF March, 2010 AT 5:30 p.m.



CITY OF AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA

P.O. Box 1177
Aiken, South Carolina 29802
<http://www.cityofaikensc.gov>



214 Park Ave. SW
Aiken, South Carolina 29801
FAX (803) 642-7646

February 23, 2010

Mr. Rick McLeod
SRS Community Reuse Organization
P. O. Box 696
Aiken, SC 29802

Dear Mr. McLeod :

City Council at their February 22, 2010, meeting approved the attached resolution for new strategies for nuclear waste. We appreciate you and Scott Singer being at the meeting, and if we can do anything further to push this forward, please let us know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Roger'.

Roger LeDuc
City Manager

cc: Scott Singer

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Legal/Staff Attorney	(803) 642-7654
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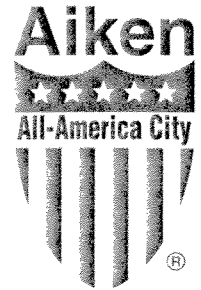


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Recreation	(803) 642-7630



City of Aiken

Post Office Box 1177
Aiken, S.C. 29802



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RESOLUTION

Fred B. Cavanaugh
Mayor

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WHEREAS, the Federal Government has announced that it is abandoning plans to complete the planned permanent repository at Yucca Mountain in the Nevada desert and that an acceptable substitute option does not currently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Aiken strongly objects to the Government's decision to abandon Yucca Mountain as the preferred permanent repository for defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel; and

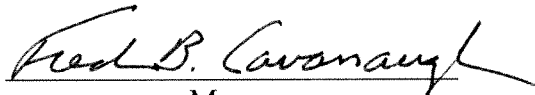
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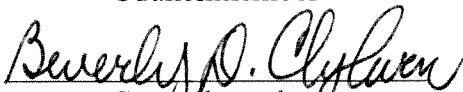
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Aiken calls upon the U.S. Department of Energy, the Congress and the Administration to continue development of Yucca Mountain as the preferred option for permanent storage of defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel and explore ways and means to continue funding of \$150M in the FY 2011 budget for the review of the Yucca Mountain license application and future activities of the nuclear waste disposal program; and

WE FURTHER CALL ON THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY to assure the citizens of our region that the Government will honor its long-standing commitment to provide for permanent waste storage in an approved facility.

ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Aiken at a regular meeting held this 22nd day of February, 2010, at which a quorum was present and voting.

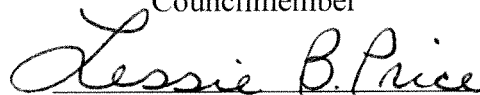

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RESOLUTION

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Barnwell, South Carolina, strongly objects to the Government's decision to abandon Yucca Mountain as the preferred permanent repository for defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government's decision to abandon Yucca Mountain means that the Savannah River Site may become a permanent repository for defense nuclear waste in violation of long-standing Federal assurances to the contrary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT permanent storage of defense nuclear waste in our regions is not compatible with the best interests of our citizens, our economic future, or our image as a great place to live and work; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Barnwell, South Carolina, calls upon the U. S. Department of Energy, the Congress, and the Administration to continue development of Yucca Mountain as the preferred option for permanent storage of defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel and explore ways and means to continue funding of \$150M in the FY 2011 budget for the review of the Yucca

Mountain license application and future activities of the nuclear waste disposal program.

WE FURTHER CALL ON THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY to assure the citizens of our region that the Government will honor its long-standing commitment to provide for permanent waste storage in an approved facility.

ADOPTED THIS 1ST DAY OF MARCH 2010,
2010, AT BARNWELL, SOUTH CAROLINA.

City of Barnwell

By: Edward Lemo

Mayor

William

Mayor Pro Tem

for Kelly

Member of Council

Benjamin Duncan

Member of Council

W. Black

Member of Council

Robert A. Ballito

Member of Council

J. Alkman

Member of Council

RESOLUTION

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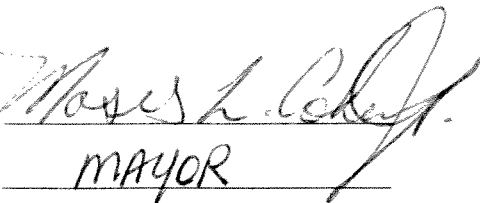
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Fairfax strongly objects to the Government's decision to abandon Yucca Mountain as the preferred permanent repository for defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel;

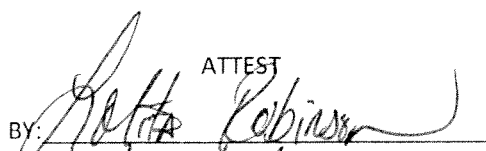
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT permanent storage of defense nuclear waste in our region is not compatible with the best interest of our citizens, our economic future, or our image as a great place to live and work

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town of Fairfax calls upon the U.S. Department of Energy, the Congress and the Administration to continue development of Yucca Mountain as the preferred option for permanent storage of defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel and explore ways and means to continue funding of \$150M in the FY 2011 budget for the review of the Yucca Mountain license application and future activities of the nuclear waste disposal program;

WE FURTHER CALL ON THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY to assure the citizens of our region that the Government will honor its long-standing commitment to provide for permanent waste storage in an approved facility.

ADOPTED THIS 23RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2010 at TOWN OF FAIRFAX, SC

BY: 
ITS: MAYOR

ATTEST
BY: 
ITS: Clerk to Council



Fred E. Humes
Director

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, THE SAVANNAH RIVER SITE is a critical part of the United States national defense infrastructure, having served for more than fifty years as a production facility for materials utilized in the country's nuclear weapons program, and

WHEREAS, THE CITIZENS who reside in Aiken and Edgefield Counties, South Carolina have strongly supported and appreciate the mission and contributions to national security made by SRS and energy produced by commercial nuclear plants in Georgia and South Carolina;

WHEREAS, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT has pledged for years that commercial spent nuclear fuel and high-level defense nuclear waste would be permanently stored in a specially designed and constructed underground repository at Yucca Mountain in the state of Nevada, and

WHEREAS, THE CITIZENS of this region have relied on Federal assurances that a permanent repository would be available; and

WHEREAS, THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY proposes to withdraw its license application with prejudice and its plans to complete the permanent repository at Yucca Mountain in the Nevada desert and that an acceptable alternative does not currently exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Economic Development Partnership strongly objects to the Government's decision to abandon Yucca Mountain as the permanent repository for defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel;

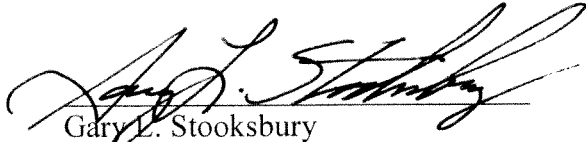
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the decision to abandon Yucca Mountain will result in the Savannah River Site becoming a permanent repository for defense nuclear waste in violation of long-standing Federal assurances to the contrary, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT permanent storage of defense nuclear waste in our region is not compatible with the best interests of our citizens, our economic future, or our image as a great place to live and work;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT The Economic Development Partnership calls upon the Department of Energy, the Congress and the Administration to continue development of Yucca Mountain as the preferred option for permanent storage of defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel and fund in the FY 2011 Budget activities of the nuclear waste disposal program;

WE FURTHER CALL ON THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY to assure the citizens of our region that the United States will honor its long-standing commitment to provide for permanent waste storage in an approved facility.

ADOPTED THIS 19 DAY OF February, 2010

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Gary L. Stooksbury
Chairman
Economic Development Partnership

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, THE SAVANNAH RIVER SITE is a critical part of the U. S. Government's national defense infrastructure, having served for more than a half century as a production facility for materials utilized in the country's nuclear weapons program, and

WHEREAS, THE CITIZENS who reside in the region surrounding the Savannah River Site have over the years expressed strong support and appreciation for the mission and contributions to national security made by the Site and for electric power produced by commercial nuclear plants in Georgia and South Carolina;

WHEREAS, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT has pledged for years that commercial spent nuclear fuel and high-level defense nuclear waste such as that generated at SRS would be permanently stored in a specially designed and constructed underground repository at Yucca Mountain in Nevada, and

WHEREAS, THE CITIZENS of this region have fully and confidently relied on Federal assurances that a permanent repository would be available; and

WHEREAS, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT has announced that it is abandoning plans to complete the planned permanent repository at Yucca Mountain in the Nevada desert and that an acceptable substitute option does not currently exist,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the **Southern Carolina Regional Alliance Board of Directors** strongly objects to the Government's decision to abandon Yucca Mountain as the preferred permanent repository for defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel;

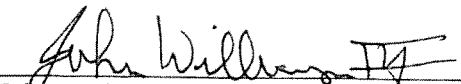
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government's decision to abandon Yucca Mountain means that the Savannah River Site may become a permanent repository for defense nuclear waste in violation of long-standing Federal assurances to the contrary, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT permanent storage of defense nuclear waste in our region is not compatible with the best interests of our citizens, our economic future, or our image as a great place to live and work

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the **Southern Carolina Regional Alliance Board of Directors** calls upon the U. S. Department of Energy, the Congress, and the Administration to continue development of Yucca Mountain as the preferred option for permanent storage of defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel and explore ways and means to continue funding of \$150M in the FY 2011 budget for the review of the Yucca Mountain license application and future activities of the nuclear waste disposal program;

WE FURTHER CALL ON THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY to assure the citizens of our region that the Government will honor its long-standing commitment to provide for permanent waste storage in an approved facility.

ADOPTED THIS 30 DAY OF MARCH, 2010 AT Barrow, SC.



John Williamson, III
Chairman

RESOLUTION No. 1-10

WHEREAS, THE SAVANNAH RIVER SITE is a critical part of the U. S. Government's national defense infrastructure, having served for more than a half century as a production facility for materials utilized in the country's nuclear weapons program, and

WHEREAS, THE CITIZENS who reside in a two-state region surrounding the Savannah River Site have over the years expressed strong support and appreciation for the mission and contributions to national security made by the Site and for electric power produced by commercial nuclear plants in Georgia and South Carolina;

WHEREAS, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT has pledged for years that commercial spent nuclear fuel and high-level defense nuclear waste such as that generated at SRS would be permanently stored in a specially designed and constructed underground repository at Yucca Mountain in Nevada, and

WHEREAS, THE CITIZENS of this region have fully and confidently relied on Federal assurances that a permanent repository would be available; and

WHEREAS, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT has announced that it is abandoning plans to complete the planned permanent repository at Yucca Mountain in the Nevada desert and that an acceptable substitute option does not currently exist,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Development Authority of Columbia County, Georgia strongly objects to the Government's decision to abandon Yucca Mountain as the preferred permanent repository for defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government's decision to abandon Yucca Mountain means that the Savannah River Site may become a permanent repository for defense nuclear waste in violation of long-standing Federal assurances to the contrary, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Development Authority of Columbia County, Georgia calls upon the U. S. Department of Energy, the Congress and the Administration to continue development of Yucca Mountain as the preferred option for permanent storage of defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel and explore ways and means to continue funding of \$150M in the FY 2011 budget for the review of the Yucca Mountain license application and future activities of the nuclear waste disposal program;

WE FURTHER CALL ON THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY to assure the citizens of our region that the Government will honor its long-standing commitment to provide for permanent waste storage in an approved facility.

ADOPTED THIS 24th day of March, 2010, in Evans, Georgia.

**Development Authority of
Columbia County, Georgia**

By: **Rick Evans**

Its: Chairman

Attested by:

Pete Brodie, Secretary



March 9, 2010

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J. David Jameson
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Dear Mr. Jameson:

Augusta Tomorrow, Inc. has signed the attached Resolution strongly supporting the nuclear waste generated at the Savannah River Site be stored in an underground repository at Yucca Mountain in Nevada.

Augusta Tomorrow, Inc. is a non-profit, public-private corporation that has been promoting revitalization and economic redevelopment since 1982. Membership on the Augusta board includes the City of Augusta, the City of North Augusta and businesses that are vitally interested in the economic well-being of our community. We are dismayed that the assurances we received over the past few years that the government would move the nuclear waste to a permanent home in the remote Nevada desert are now being reversed after more than 25 years after the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 specified that high-level waste would be disposed of underground at Yucca Mountain.

We are seriously concerned about the government's decision to abandon Yucca Mountain for defense nuclear waste and urge the Department of Energy, Congress and the Administration to reconsider their decision. We strongly believe that the remote Yucca Mountain is the appropriate repository for the spent nuclear fuel and high-level defense waste generated at the Savannah River Site.

Sincerely,

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Dennis B. Skelley
President

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, THE SAVANNAH RIVER SITE is a critical part of the U. S. Government's national defense infrastructure, having served for more than a half century as a production facility for materials utilized in the country's nuclear weapons program, and

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WHEREAS, THE CITIZENS of this region have fully and confidently relied on Federal assurances that a permanent repository would be available; and

WHEREAS, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT has announced that it is abandoning plans to complete the planned permanent repository at Yucca Mountain in the Nevada desert and that an acceptable substitute option does not currently exist,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Augusta Tomorrow, Inc. strongly objects to the Government's decision to abandon Yucca Mountain as the preferred permanent repository for defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government's decision to abandon Yucca Mountain means that the Savannah River Site may become a permanent repository for defense nuclear waste in violation of long-standing Federal assurances to the contrary, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT permanent storage of defense nuclear waste in our region is not compatible with the best interests of our citizens, our economic future, or our image as a great place to live and work

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Augusta Tomorrow, Inc. calls upon the U. S. Department of Energy, the Congress and the Administration to continue development of Yucca Mountain as the preferred option for permanent storage of defense nuclear waste and commercial spent fuel and explore ways and means to continue funding of \$150M in the FY 2011 budget for the review of the Yucca Mountain license application and future activities of the nuclear waste disposal program;

WE FURTHER CALL ON THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY to assure the citizens of our region that the Government will honor its long-standing commitment to provide for permanent waste storage in an approved facility.

ADOPTED THIS 9 DAY OF March, 2009 AT Augusta Tomorrow, Inc. Board Meeting



Mark Sanford
Governor

SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Joe E. Taylor, Jr.
Secretary

February 18, 2010

Mr. J. David Jameson
Chairman
SRS Community Reuse Organization
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Dr. Marc Miller
Vice Chairman
SRS Community Reuse Organization
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Dear Mr. Jameson and Mr. Miller,

Thank you for your February 5, 2010, letter to David Logsdon describing the Yucca Mountain situation. The Department of Commerce recognizes the significant impact of the Savannah River Site on the economic vitality of the South Carolina, and we appreciate your efforts to communicate the current issues facing the Savannah River Site.

As you are aware, Governor Sanford recently joined members of the South Carolina Congressional Delegation in urging federal officials to recommit to the Yucca Mountain waste storage plan. Therefore, with respect to your request for a letter of support, please allow Governor Sanford's letter to serve as the official position of the Executive Branch.

Please contact me at (803) 737-3949 if I can be of further assistance.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AMJ", is located below the "Best regards," text.

Adam M. Jordan
External Affairs Manager

AMJ/vw



State of South Carolina Office of the Governor

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR

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February 11, 2010

The Honorable Lindsey O. Graham
United States Senate
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Washington, D.C. 20510-4003

Dear Lindsey,

Last week the Obama Administration announced its decision to abandon the 23-year bipartisan project establishing Yucca Mountain as the nation's primary permanent nuclear waste storage site. My administration would submit that this decision is spectacularly misguided, and breaks a promise made to South Carolina and other states nearly three decades ago. By any account, it is a blatantly political move completely contrary to the soaring rhetoric of the Obama campaign, and it represents nothing more than what many would see as a Chicago-style political payoff. To detractors, this political capitulation comes as no surprise as the site of Obama's reversal is Nevada – home to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. To supporters who had hoped for a change from politics as usual out of Washington, it is a real disappointment. We believe the decision will have dangerous consequences in our state and we would ask you to pursue every avenue possible to keep us on the path of a permanent nuclear waste storage site.

When Congress passed the Nuclear Waste Policy Act in 1982, it set the stage for a safe and suitable *permanent* nuclear waste repository. In 1987, Congress designated Yucca Mountain as the only option for a long-term storage site and this was reaffirmed in 2002. Even though the Department of Energy was to begin taking waste as early as 1998, nothing has ever changed about Yucca Mountain being the permanent site. The Obama Administration's decision violates the letter of the law by extending the length of time South Carolina will be forced to store nuclear waste.

South Carolina currently stores roughly 4,000 metric tons of nuclear waste – ranking behind only Illinois and Pennsylvania. I believe, and the numbers support this fact, that South Carolina has done more than its part in storing nuclear waste for the country over years. With four additional nuclear reactors proposed in South Carolina, storage of spent nuclear fuel will likely increase considerably with no path out in sight given the Administration's decision.

The Honorable Lindsey O. Graham
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Since 1982, the nuclear power industry, through ratepayers living in this and other states, has paid roughly \$7 billion into this nuclear waste fund. South Carolinians alone have contributed more than \$1.2 billion into the fund. Meanwhile, the total spent for the preparation and construction of a permanent storage site at Yucca Mountain has been more than \$10 billion. The result of the Obama Administration's decision will be that taxpayers will get nothing – literally nothing – in return. Adding insult to injury, at this point the federal government refuses to return these payments to help utilities offset the mounting costs for their supposedly temporary storage of nuclear waste. If the Obama Administration is not willing to step back from their wantonly political decision on Yucca Mountain, or return funds drawn from states like ours for this project, then we may be forced to explore other options here in South Carolina.

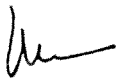
The Department of Energy already faces \$1.5 billion in court judgments and legal expenses resulting from failure to meet obligations. Allowing this dangerous decision to stand will only up the ante when it comes to taxpayers' cost because they are footing the bill on both ends of the equation, resulting in added costs of as much as \$500 million annually just to defend and settle ongoing lawsuits.

Nuclear waste is stored at over 120 locations across the country, with 160 million Americans living within 75 miles of one of these sites. Specifically, we are concerned with the long-term storage of large amounts of nuclear waste at the Savannah River Site given it lies in a geologically unstable fault zone, and with this comes the potential harm to the Savannah River watershed and millions of people. The presence of so many storage facilities throughout the United States also presents a potential national security threat because each storage site could be a target for terrorism. Yucca Mountain would help alleviate many of these concerns by consolidating nuclear waste storage in a single, secure location.

I believe the Administration's decision to shutter the Yucca Mountain project will have long-term, negative effects on our state and nation. At the very minimum, any alternative must meet the same timeline as the Yucca Mountain path was to follow. We believe the best solution still lies in finishing the job that has been underway for the past 23 years. We would ask for your efforts in pushing the Obama Administration and Congress to complete the permanent repository that Congress taxed our citizens to build.

We look forward to working with you on this issue. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Mark Sanford

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