



The Secretary of Energy
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**SECTION 3116 DETERMINATION
FOR SALT WASTE DISPOSAL AT THE SAVANNAH RIVER SITE**

For the reasons set forth in the attached Basis for Section 3116 Determination for Salt Waste Disposal at the Savannah River Site, I have determined that the Savannah River Site treated salt waste:

- Does not require permanent isolation in a deep geologic repository for spent fuel or high-level radioactive waste;
- Has had highly radioactive radionuclides removed to the maximum extent practical;
- Does not exceed concentration limits for Class C low-level waste as set out in Section 61.55 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations;
- Will be disposed of in compliance with the performance objectives set out in subpart C of part 61 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations; and
- Will be disposed of pursuant to a State-issued permit.

Accordingly, pursuant to Section 3116 of the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005, the Savannah River Site treated salt waste is not high-level waste and may be disposed of in the Saltstone Disposal Facility at the Savannah River Site.

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