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Records of Decision issued for L-Area Hot Shop and Road A Chemical Basin

The United States Department of Energy (DOE), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) have selected the remedial approaches for Savannah River Site's (SRS) L-Area Hot Shop (LAHS) and Road A Chemical Basin (RdACB) operable unit (OU). A 45-day public comment period for the Statement of Basis/Proposed Plan and the associated draft Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) permit modification was held from December 5, 2002 to January 18, 2003 for LAHS and from February 10, 2003 to March 25, 2003 for the RdACB.

DOE, the EPA, and SCDHEC have determined that the preferred remedial action for LAHS consists of the following:

Remove all of the contaminated drainlines and the contaminated surface of the LAHS slab and transport the contaminated waste to an offsite disposal site.

The LAHS OU is located in the south-central portion of SRS, north of L Lake situated within the Steel Creek watershed. It includes five subunits: (1) Soils, (2) Inactive Drainlines, (3) Manholes and Associated Drainlines, (4) Surface Drainage Ditch; and (5) Concrete Slabs. Based upon the characterization data and risk assessment, only the inactive drainlines and the concrete slab require remedial action. Groundwater associated with this unit is not part of this OU, but it has been included in the L-Area Southern Groundwater OU.

The preferred alternative for RdACB consists of the following:

The No Action alternative is the preferred alternative for the RdACB OU.

The RdACB OU, approximately 50 ft long and 30 ft wide, is located in the southwestern section of the SRS, approximately 0.5 miles west of the intersection of SRS Road A (South Carolina

Route 125) and SRS Road 6 and approximately 4 miles from the nearest SRS plant boundary.

The remedial decision is documented in the Record of Decision document. This document includes a responsiveness summary that addresses public comments. DOE has worked with SCDHEC and EPA to ensure the remedial approach is consistent with all applicable environmental requirements.

Copies of the Record of Decision are available in the administrative record. The administrative record is available in the information repositories listed below:

- DOE Public Reading Room at the Gregg-Graniteville Library at the University of South Carolina-Aiken campus in Aiken, SC; and
- Thomas Cooper Library Government Documents Department at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC.

Hard copies of the Record of Decision are available at the following:

- Reese Library at Augusta State University in Augusta, GA; and
- Asa H. Gordon Library at Savannah State University in Savannah, GA.

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