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Although I was unable to stay and present the attached document at the March 25, 2003 MOX Environmental Impact meeting, please accept the attached document in support of the facility.

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Good evening. My name is Camille Price and I am the Chief Administrative Officer of Augusta Tomorrow, Inc. Since 1982, Augusta Tomorrow, Inc. has worked tirelessly to assist the City of Augusta and private investors in the revitalization of downtown Augusta. Augusta Tomorrow's membership is made up of representatives from private business, banks, local utility companies, the City of Augusta, the City of North Augusta and not-for-profit institutions. We are not developers. We work behind-the-scenes to support projects we see as vital to the redevelopment of a thriving Metropolitan Augusta. In fact our mission is "to serve the community at large by planning, promoting and implementing the revitalization and development of Augusta with particular emphasis in the city center."

The Savannah River Site has been a tremendous asset to the economic development of the City of Augusta and the CSRA region. The economic impact of Savannah River Site is over \$3 billion dollars a year. This impact comes not only from the jobs generated, but also from families who purchase homes and commodities that positively impact the entire region's vitality. This economic impact clearly dovetails with Augusta Tomorrow's mission.

Augusta Tomorrow has been concerned about Savannah River Site's job losses as the cleanup missions are completed. Losing jobs negatively affects Augusta's economy. We enthusiastically support the Pit Disassembly and Conversion Facility and the Mixed Oxide (MOX) Fuel Fabrication Facility. Not only are these programs designed to reduce the potential for proliferation of nuclear weapons, they will bring jobs to the Savannah River Site and continued economic development to Augusta.

In closing I want to say that because of the Savannah River Site's 50 years of unmatched safety record, we have complete confidence that the new projects will be handled safely and without incidence. Augusta Tomorrow completely supports the MOX Fuel Fabrication Facility.

Thank you.