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RESOLUTION NO. 18-01-15

COUNCIL ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR AIKEN COUNTY

Supporting and Encouraging the Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration's Consideration of the Savannah River Site to Locate the Plutonium Pit Production Mission.

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WHEREAS:

1. Aiken County has long supported the missions of the Savannah River Site (SRS) and the role SRS has played, and continues to play, in our nation's national security; and
2. SRS is perfectly positioned to support many long-term missions such as the Mixed-Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility (MFFF) and the Plutonium Pit Production mission while safely treating and disposing of the site's legacy waste, a mission that must continue; and
3. SRS has a long record of safety and environmental protection, a skilled workforce with hands-on experience in dealing with large-scale plutonium operations, an excellent security posture and a large land mass to serve as a buffer; and
4. SRS is home to the Savannah River National Laboratory that has a successful history of directly supporting large-scale plutonium operations and working with design laboratories on tritium research and development, a model that can be used as the new Pit Production mission becomes responsible for plutonium research and development activities; and
5. Aiken County Council believes the Pit Production mission should be brought to SRS, not as a replacement for the MFFF, but in a complementary role to that facility, and believes SRS is uniquely capable of handling both of those important national defense missions; and
6. Aiken County Council recognizes that the location of the Pit Production mission at SRS would increase shipments of plutonium to our community, while potentially providing a disposition pathway for material already stored at SRS; and
7. If selected for this mission, the Aiken County Council requests assurances from the Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration that the facility will be built and that any waste generated by the operation, or from other missions at SRS, will be safely removed and disposed of at an appropriate facility outside of South Carolina.


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

1. Aiken County Council hereby supports and encourages the Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration's consideration of the Savannah River Site as the location for the Plutonium Pit Production mission.
2. Aiken County Council, because of the unique capabilities of SRS, continues its support for this and other long-term, sustainable missions for the Site and requests that the Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration move forward with a decision and a funding request to Congress to locate the Plutonium Pit Production mission at SRS.

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Adopted at the regular meeting of Aiken County Council on January 9, 2018.

ATTEST:

  
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Tamara Sullivan, Council Clerk

SIGNED:

  
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Gary Bunker, Chairman

IMPACT STATEMENT:

COUNCIL VOTE: Unanimous