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The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
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Thanks for Opposing More Nuclear Waste or Plutonium to Savannah River Site

As a resident of South Carolina, I want to thank you for taking a strong stand against the U.S. Department of Energy's plan to bring more nuclear waste or plutonium to the DOE's Savannah River Site (SRS) in South Carolina.

Plans are afoot to bring in plutonium from around the world, liquid high-level nuclear waste from Canada and highly radioactive commercial spent nuclear fuel from Germany. Other secret nuclear-import plans may be secretly lurking under the guise of nuclear non-proliferation.

Enough is enough! The Savannah River Site must not be a dump for the world's radioactive waste. The future of SRS must be not be based on nuclear waste processing and storage and a future based on clean industry must be pursued.

In addition, I urge you to push for the closure of the mismanaged plutonium fuel (MOX) project at SRS. Years behind schedule, construction of the MOX plant is billions of dollars over budget and is not financially viable and is a waste of taxpayers' money. MOX has resulted in 13 metric tons of plutonium being stranded at SRS and more would come in if this project continues. Given the nuclear non-proliferation risks of plutonium, plans should be immediately deployed to manage plutonium as nuclear waste and not a commercial product.

Thank you for your leadership on this very important issue!

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