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## **Record of Decision Issued for the T Area Operable Unit**

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 approach for Savannah River Site's (SRS) T Area 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 May 12, 2005 to June 26, 2005.

DOE, the EPA, and SCDHEC have determined that the preferred remedial actions consist of the following:

Dispose Staged Wastes Onsite, Cap Residual Contamination, Place Soil Amendments in Outfall Delta and Inner Swamp, and Implement Institutional Controls.

T Area is one of several industrial use areas at SRS. T Area was used in the development and testing of processes, facilities, and equipment for various SRS programs. Until 1978, T Area included three main buildings constructed in 1950. After 1978, the area was expanded to over 30 buildings consisting of office administrative buildings, process buildings for large-scale experimental demonstrations, laboratories for research and analytical purposes, pilot-scale facilities, bulk tank storage, industrial wastewater processing facilities, and warehouse storage for a wide range of chemicals and specialty equipment. All of the facilities in T Area have been dismantled and removed with the following exceptions: the pump test facility and ancillary structures, the telecommunications building, the air stripper, and a soil vapor extraction system. These facilities are still in use.

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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