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| 1. MOX is a bad idea | 1 |
| 2. DOE should hold hearings in all affected communities – especially those near the chosen sites. | |
| PSR, along with many environmental and non-proliferation groups, supports the immobilization option and oppose the MOX option. For more see PSR’s web site at: http://www.psr.org/cleanuppage.htm | 2 |

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MOX Approach

DOE acknowledges the commentor’s opposition to the MOX approach. DOE has identified as its preferred alternative the hybrid approach. Pursuing both immobilization and MOX fuel fabrication provides the United States important insurance against potential disadvantages of implementing either approach by itself. The hybrid approach also provides the best opportunity for U.S. leadership in working with Russia to implement similar options for reducing Russia’s excess plutonium in parallel. Further, it sends the strongest possible signal to the world of U.S. determination to reduce stockpiles of surplus plutonium as quickly as possible and in a manner that would make it technically difficult to use the plutonium in nuclear weapons again.

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General SPD EIS and NEPA Process

DOE acknowledges the commentor’s request for public hearings in all communities affected by the use of MOX fuel, especially those near the proposed reactor sites. After careful consideration of its public involvement opportunities, including the availability of information and mechanisms to submit comments, DOE decided not to hold additional hearings on the *Supplement to the SPD Draft EIS*. In addition to the public hearing on the *Supplement* held in Washington, D.C., DOE provided other means for the public to express their concerns and provide comments: mail, a toll-free telephone and fax line, and the MD Web site. Also, at the invitation of South Carolina State Senator Phil Leventis, DOE attended and participated in a public hearing held on June 24, 1999, in Columbia, South Carolina. Moreover, interested parties would likely have the opportunity to submit additional comments during the NRC reactor license amendment process should the MOX approach be pursued per the SPD EIS ROD.

DOE acknowledges the commentor’s support of the immobilization-only approach. As discussed in response WR002-1, DOE has identified as its preferred alternative the hybrid approach.

