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Oak Ridge Operations Office  
P.O. Box 2001  
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831—

April 2, 1997

Mr. Randy Gordon, Chair  
Oak Ridge Reservation Environmental  
Management Site Specific Advisory Board  
3602 River Road  
Ten Mile, Tennessee 37880

Dear Mr. Gordon:

### **REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF TRANSFER OF LANDS CONTAINING THE WHITE WING SCRAP YARD TO THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE**

At the March 5, 1997, meeting of the Oak Ridge Reservation Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board (ORREMSSAB), we were asked to provide assurance in writing that the Department of Energy has no plans to transfer the land which includes the White Wing Scrap Yard to the City of Oak Ridge. There apparently had been some discussion in the community that there was some initiative by the Department to transfer that particular section of land to the City.

At this time, there are no plans to disposal of this land. Should the land be disposed of by DOE a future date, it is DOE's intention to do so after all remediation activities have been completed. If you have any questions, please contact me at (423) 576-0742 or Sandy Perkins at (423) 576-1590.

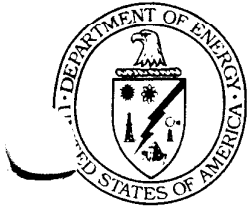
Sincerely,

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Rodney R. Nelson  
Assistant Manager for  
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cc:

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March 3, 1997

Dear Stakeholder:

### **DISPOSAL ALTERNATIVES FOR WASTE GENERATED FROM ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION CLEANUP ACTIVITIES**

On Thursday, February 13, 1997, the Department of Energy held a public meeting to discuss the evaluation of disposal alternatives for waste generated from Environmental Restoration cleanup activities. The purpose of that meeting was to continue a dialog with stakeholders on this project and extend an invitation to the public to become involved in the process to develop those alternatives. During this meeting several concerns were identified related to both the alternatives discussed and the process for future public involvement in this project. The intent of this letter is to respond to these concerns raised during this meeting.

Several comments made during the meeting were focused on general timing of this project relative to development of the End-Use goals and objectives and concerns related to development and evaluation of community values as they relate to the overall cleanup program. Questions were also raised regarding how DOE is integrating the evaluation of disposal options with ongoing development of End-Use goal setting and decision making.

Moving forward quickly with deliberations concerning on-site waste disposal is important to support cleanup activities. The end-use activity coupled with other cleanup decision making processes suggest that we could be in full-scale cleanup operations as early as 1999 or 2000. If on-site waste disposal is a part of the final solution, then design and construction needs to be underway soon. Nevertheless, comments and concerns that have been raised help us now to realize the importance of assuring that the end-use activity is not undermined by perceptions that we are getting ahead of that activity. Therefore, DOE has decided to defer the March 18 and any subsequent information workshops related to disposal options evaluation. Rather, we believe it reasonable to move forward first with the End-Use group for development and evaluation of community values and cleanup guidelines that will facilitate eventual cleanup decisions for the Reservation. The initial phase of work for the End-Use group is anticipated to be complete around early June 1997. The need for resuming planning for disposal option evaluation workshops will be revisited at this time, consistent with initial End-Use findings. In the meantime, data available from the disposal option evaluation project will be used to support any requests from the End-Use group as they continue their work.

Finally, we greatly appreciate your effort and time that contributed toward helping us develop and implement a cleanup program for Oak Ridge that is community based, safe, and economically feasible. We hope that the approach outlined above will maximize the use of everyone's time and enable us to move forward with cleanup of the Reservation in a logical manner.

Stakeholders

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March 3, 1997

If you have any comments or questions, please contact Margaret Wilson at (423) 576-8528 regarding the End-Use group or Bill Cahill at (423) 241-4830 on the waste disposal option evaluation project.

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