



# AK RIDGE RESERVATION

Environmental Management

July 8, 1998

Mr. Rod Nelson  
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Dear Mr. Nelson:

At our July 8, 1998 Board meeting, the Oak Ridge Reservation Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board (ORREMSSAB) reviewed and approved the enclosed two recommendations:

- (1) "End Use Recommendation for Sites not Included in the Existing Administrative Watersheds"
- (2) "End Use Recommendations for the Former K-25 Site at the East Tennessee Technology Park" along with a Minority Opinion from some of the End Use Working Group (EUWG) members

These recommendations are based upon and consistent with the conclusions reached by the EUWG, an independent group initiated by the ORREMSSAB.

We look forward to receiving your written response to our recommendations. Thank you for your continued support of the ORREMSSAB.

Sincerely,

William M. Pardue, Chair  
ORREMSSAB

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Enclosures

cc: Margaret Wilson, DOE/ORO  
Karol Hazard, DOE/HQ  
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## **End Use Recommendation for Sites not Included in the Existing Administrative Watersheds**

There are a number of sites whose remediation is being considered separately from the five existing administrative watersheds. These sites include but are not limited to:

1. White Wing Scrap Yard
2. Molten Salt Reactor Experiment facility
3. High Flux Isotope Reactor
4. Homogenous Reactor Experiment facility
5. Cesium Plots

It is recommended that DOE use the Community Guidelines in making future end use decisions for such sites. Particular attention should be given to selecting an end use that is consistent with end uses of adjacent property.

In particular, because the White Wing Scrap Yard is surrounded by uncontaminated land, it should be remediated to allow for unrestricted use.

Use of the reactor sites in Melton Valley should be consistent with Melton Valley recommendations for government-controlled industrial use. In addition, the Cesium Plots lend themselves to remediation that allows for an unrestricted end use.

Implementation of these recommendations by DOE must be consistent with the Community Guidelines and needs for long-term stewardship. If DOE cannot meet these recommendations, exceptions must be discussed in a public forum as part of the decision-making process.

This recommendation is based upon and consistent with the conclusions reached by the End Use Working Group (EUWG) for sites not included in the existing administrative watersheds (EUWG recommendation dated June 11, 1998.)