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March 18, 1998

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Oak Ridge Reservation Environmental Management  
Site Specific Advisory Board  
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Dear Mr. Pardue

**Community Guidelines for End Use of Contaminated Properties on the Oak Ridge Reservation**

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, DOE Oversight Division (TDEC/DOE-O) has received and reviewed the above referenced Oak Ridge Reservation Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) Recommended Guidelines. In an effort to provide increased dialogue with and better feedback to the SSAB, regarding the guidelines, the Division provides the following response.

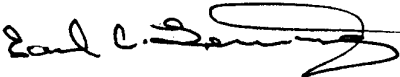
The first three paragraphs of the guidelines stress the importance of Stakeholder input in the Department of Energy's Environmental Management Decisions. The State agrees with this emphasis and is committed to implementing public participation as required under CERCLA and NEPA actions.

The State is in general agreement with each of the individual guidelines provided by the SSAB. The State does recognize that there are areas on the Oak Ridge Reservation that present technologies do not permit immediate restoration. However, the State has a bias for cleanup and will insist that the ultimate goal for each of these sites be appropriate remediation. In those cases, where acceptable risk levels cannot be achieved within a reasonable time period, the Record of Decision must include arrangements for their long term management and control in accordance with the State's guidance policy on "perpetual institutional controls."

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The Division appreciates the opportunity to respond to the SSAB's recommendations. If there are any questions or concerns with this response, please contact John Owsley or me at 481-0995.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Earl C. Leming". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

Earl C. Leming  
Director

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