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Mr. William Pardue, Chair
Oak Ridge Reservation Environmental Management
  Site Specific Advisory Board
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Dear Mr. Pardue:

RESPONSE TO ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE BEAR CREEK VALLEY FEASIBILITY STUDY AND PROPOSED PLAN

Thank you for your recent comments and recommendations on the Bear Creek Valley Feasibility Study and Proposed Plan (PP). A copy of the D3 version of the PP is enclosed for your convenience. Following is a response to your recommendations:
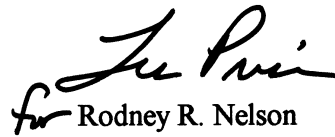
- The goal for Zone 2 now reads, "Improve groundwater quality in this zone consistent with eventually achieving conditions compatible with unrestricted use."

- A tentative schedule of Fiscal Year 2001 for the second Record of Decision (ROD) has been discussed with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation; however, we will not be able to finalize this until September after our budget baselining efforts are completed.

- A Land Use Controls Assurance Plan (LUCAP) is under development which will address long-term stewardship for the Oak Ridge Reservation and will be enclosed with the ROD. A copy of the draft LUCAP will be provided to the Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) for comment upon completion, likely toward the end of June.

- We agree that passive water treatment is more desirable than active and are currently involved in a demonstration of passive water treatment technologies at the S-3 Site.

- The preferred alternative, as described in the D3 PP, draws primarily from Alternatives 5 a, b, and c but, of course, does not include a proposed remedy for the Bear Creek Burial Grounds.

We appreciate the effort and support of the SSAB and look forward to any input you may have on the D3 version.

Sincerely,

for Rodney R. Nelson
Assistant Manager for
Environmental Management

Enclosure