



## Department of Energy

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Mr. Luther Gibson, Chair  
Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board  
P.O. Box 2001, EM-90  
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Dear Mr. Gibson:

**RESPONSE TO THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY MUST PROVIDE LONG-TERM STEWARDSHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE IN CERCLA RECORDS OF DECISION AND IN ACTION MEMORANDA. THE GOALS OF INSTITUTIONAL AND ENGINEERED CONTROLS, THE TYPES OF CONTROLS REQUIRED, AND THE IMPLEMENTATION, MAINTENANCE, COSTS, AND ENFORCEMENT OF SUCH CONTROLS SHOULD BE EVALUATED AS THOROUGHLY AS THE PROPOSED TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY FOR EACH ALTERNATIVE IN THE REMEDY SELECTION PROCESS. RESULTS OF THE EVALUATION MUST BE DESCRIBED IN THE DECISION DOCUMENTS**

Thank you for your recommendation regarding the inclusion of long-term stewardship language in Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability and Compensation Act (CERCLA) Records of Decision (RODs) and Action Memoranda. We consider long-term stewardship an extremely important element in our remedial action program.

We are well aware of efforts your board and related stakeholder groups have made in helping to bring the issue of long-term stewardship to the forefront both locally and nationally. We applaud those efforts and will make every effort to include appropriate and legally enforceable long-term stewardship requirements in CERCLA documents currently in the development process and in those that will be produced in the future.

Post-ROD documents such as Land Use Control Implementation Plans (LUCIPs) and Remedial Action Reports (RARs) will contain more detailed language, spelling out specific stewardship measures. These documents are legally enforceable under CERCLA.

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Thank you again for your comments. Please contact David Adler of my staff at 576-4094 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rodney R. Nelson".

Rodney R. Nelson  
Assistant Manager for  
Environmental Management