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

## **RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION: IMPROVING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE PARTIES TO THE FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT AND THE PUBLIC REGARDING WATERSHED REMEDIAL DECISION-MAKING**

To improve communication between the parties to the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) and the public regarding watershed remedial decision-making, the Department of Energy (DOE) is offering the following proposals to the recommendations made by the Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board (ORSSAB):

- **Provide written summaries of the FFA Program Managers (PM) Meetings for publication in the ORSSAB monthly notebooks.** DOE began providing these summaries in July 2001.
- **Provide quarterly update on FFA PM Meetings—to be provided in person at ORSSAB meeting by the FFA PM Meeting participants.** The first meeting was held on October 10, 2001, attended by Myrna Redfield, DOE Oak Ridge Operations; Martha Berry, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4; and Doug McCoy, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. Future attendance at these meetings will involve one or more of these FFA Project Managers.

Thank you for your continued advice and recommendations. If you have questions, please contact Pat Halsey (576-4025) of my staff.

Sincerely,

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