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Mr. Kerry Trammell, Chair
Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board
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Dear Mr. Trammell:

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION FOR STANDARDIZED LANGUAGE SUBMITTED TO LAND RECORD AUTHORITIES OF LAND WITH NOTICES OF CONTAMINATION

Thank you for the "Recommendation for Standardized Language Submitted to Land Record Authorities of Land with Notices of Contamination." The Department of Energy (DOE) considers the implementation of a viable Long-Term Stewardship (LTS) program that is well accepted by the citizens of this area as vital to the successful completion of the cleanup program on the Oak Ridge Reservation. DOE believes the use of appropriately crafted environmental notations in the local land use record offices is a critical element in the overall success of the LTS Program.

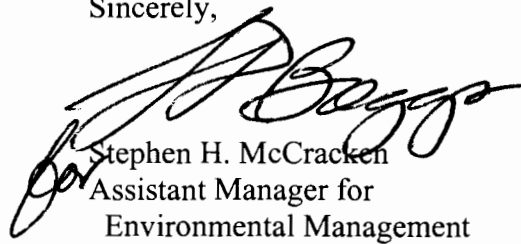
The recommendation included three principal elements. Let me respond to each:

1. Regarding the use of a standardized cover sheet to facilitate the transmittal of environmental notations to ownership record to the county registers of deeds and property assessors, DOE accepts and endorses their use. Further, we will institute the requirement for their use as part of a to-be-developed LTS Program management directive. In this way, use of the cover sheets becomes a regular part of the Department's "business." We anticipate development of this LTS Program management directive this calendar year. The pattern which was attached with your recommendation will be modified to be signed by the Oak Ridge Office Real Estate Officer and not the Federal Facility Agreement Project Manager. All real estate transactions emanating from the Oak Ridge Office Real Estate office are signed by the designated Real Estate Officer.
2. Regarding the submission to the City of Oak Ridge as the "local land use authority," a copy of the environmental notations to ownership record, DOE will implement the following. Upon return of a copy of the recorded environmental land notation, indicating the recorded plat book and page, the Environmental Management (EM) Program will transmit a copy to the City of Oak Ridge. In this way, the EM program will assemble its catalog of those parcels where environmental notations have been submitted, facilitating the review in item 3 below.

3. Regarding the initiation of quality assurance procedures for the county and state systems involved, DOE (and/or its responsible contractors) will perform annual checks of the involved systems to determine if the environmental notations have been recorded, and are readily accessible through use of common search terms. Reporting of such checks will be included in the annual Remediation Effectiveness Review.

If you have any questions or concerns with this plan, please call Ralph Skinner, LTS Program Manager for the Environmental Management Program at 865-576-7403.

Sincerely,



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