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Mr. Lance Mezga, Chair
Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board
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Dear Mr. Mezga:

RESPONSE TO THE OAK RIDGE SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS 158 AND 166 CONCERNING EXPLANATIONS OF SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES

Thank you for your two recommendations concerning the Department of Energy's (DOE) proposed management strategy for leachate from the Environmental Management Waste Management Facility (EMWMF). Under this proposal, DOE would chemically analyze generated leachate to determine if the leachate requires management as a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act hazardous waste, or can be managed using less expensive requirements applicable to non-hazardous waste. Consistent with the Site Specific Advisory Board's recommendation, DOE plans to formally submit this plan to the Environmental Protection Agency and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation for approval. The fact sheet for this Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) was modified to reflect the comments and guidance from the Environmental Management committee and has been available to the Public at the Information Center for some time now.

As identified in Recommendation 166, the continuing operation of the Central Neutralization Facility (CNF) at the East Tennessee Technology Park provides a near-term management option for any hazardous leachate generated by the EMWMF. Early drafts of the leachate management ESD document assumed that the CNF would be closed much earlier, but DOE plans have changed. This change will be reflected in the final ESD.

Thank you again for support of this proposal. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me at (865) 576-0742 or David Adler at (865)-576-4094.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen H. McCracken".

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