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May 1, 2008

Mr. Lance Mezga, Chair
Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board
Post Office Box 2001
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831

Dear Mr. Mezga:

**RESPONSE TO OAK RIDGE SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD
*RECOMMENDATION 160, RECOMMENDATION ON INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION
OF LOCATION OF WASTE SITES IN MELTON VALLEY***

The Department of Energy (DOE) Oak Ridge Office Environmental Management program has studied this recommendation carefully and has determined that independent verification of the boundary surveys of the caps within Melton Valley (MV) cannot be justified at this time.

The MV cap boundaries were surveyed by two reputable firms each surveying different caps. This survey information, contained within the approved Remediation Activity Report for interim Record of Decision for the MV area, is used by the DOE Realty Office for the deed notifications sent to the Roane County Register of Deeds. The need for independent verification and validation of final decision remediated areas will be evaluated and strongly supported for areas where the potential for transferring the land to a non-federal agency is high.

Again, we greatly appreciate your advice and recommendation on this verification issue. We hope that this response will be acceptable to the Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. H. McCracken".

Stephen H. McCracken
Assistant Manager for
Environmental Management

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