



## Department of Energy

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

Dear Mr. Mezga:

***RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION 161, OAK RIDGE SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATION ON DEVELOPING A STEWARDSHIP MAP SHOWING REMEDIATED AREAS WITH RADIOACTIVE/HAZARDOUS WASTE OR RESIDUAL CONTAMINATION LEFT IN PLACE***

The Department of Energy (DOE) Oak Ridge Office Environmental Management program agrees with the Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board's (SSAB) recommendations to produce a stewardship map. We also recognize that several members of the SSAB Stewardship Committee have been instrumental in the generation of an initial Oak Ridge Reservation (ORR) map that will serve as the foundation of future stewardship mapping efforts. We hope to have a hardcopy version of the initial map on display at the DOE Information Center by the board's February 2008 meeting.

The use of this map is critical to many stewardship efforts. It will help the general public clearly and succinctly identify areas of interest on the ORR and expedite accessing the Administrative Record information they seek. It is our intent, based upon your recommendation, to update the map whenever the regulatory parties have approved Remedial Action Reports (RAR).

The map will be electronically available on the Oak Ridge Environmental Information System (OREIS). The stewardship map on the OREIS will be updated only upon the approval of RAR. We will require that the contractor(s) responsible for the generation of future RAR provide the geographic information system coordinates for the principle threat source waste sites to the OREIS upon approval. This will ensure that the map is updated and meets the stewardship map objective – to locate the remediated areas with radioactive/hazardous waste or residual contamination left in place.

Additionally a log will be prepared to reside with the map at the DOE Information Center. The SSAB Federal Coordinator will lead this effort to identify key sites where decision documents have been signed and work has been completed outside of the watershed area Records of Decision. An example of this would be for the Lower East Fork Poplar Creek. We would appreciate support and assistance from Board members in developing the log to ensure that it is clear and user-friendly.

Smaller copies of the posted map will be provided to the City of Oak Ridge, Anderson County, and Roane County officials for their information. Any comments on the map received from these parties will be considered in future updates.

Again, we greatly appreciate your recommendation and support on this effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen H. McCracken". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "M".

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