



AK RIDGE RESERVATION

Environmental Management

November 13, 1997

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Dear Mr. Nelson:

The Oak Ridge Reservation Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board approved the enclosed "Recommendation for Sequencing of Environmental Management Activities on the Oak Ridge Reservation" at our November 5, 1997 Board meeting.

We look forward to your written response to our recommendation.

Sincerely,

William M. Pardue

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Chair

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Enclosure

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The Budget and Prioritization Team (B&P Team) of the Oak Ridge Reservation Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board (ORREMSSAB) reviewed the Department of Energy-Oak Ridge Operations Office Environmental Management (DOE-ORO-EM) June 1997 Discussion Draft, Accelerating Cleanup: Focus on 2006, and other documents related to the DOE-ORO budget and prioritization processes.

The objective of the B&P Team review was to decide if the DOE-ORO sequencing of EM activities is compatible with stakeholder concerns and viewpoints, some of which have evolved since the development of the June 1997 Discussion Draft.

In general, the ORREMSSAB supports the management productivity goals and the path forward/site-specific strategies described in the DOE-ORO Discussion Draft. However, the ORREMSSAB believes that the following list for sequencing of EM activities more clearly represents current stakeholder interests.

For the Oak Ridge Reservation (ORR), the ORREMSSAB recommends that DOE-ORO-EM:

- initiate removal or remedial actions at sites where there are significant releases of contaminants or threats to human health and the environment;
- expedite removal/disposal of stored legacy waste to the Nevada Test Site, Envirocare in Utah; and the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant;
- expedite treatment of stored legacy waste;
- consolidate storage of remaining legacy waste as removal/treatment proceed;
- expedite the decision making process for an onsite waste disposal cell for newly generated CERCLA/RCRA waste which may not be disposed of off site;
- expedite the watershed strategy for environmental remediation;
- expedite removal of surplus facilities and areas; and
- coordinate similar remedial/removal activities across the ORR.