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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION  
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Dear Mr. Pardue

**End Use Recommendation for Contaminated Lands in the Bethel Valley Area of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory**

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, DOE Oversight Division (the Division) has received and reviewed the above referenced Oak Ridge Reservation Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) recommendation. In an effort to provide increased dialogue with and better feed back to the SSAB, the Division provides the following response.

The State is in general agreement with the recommendation. As noted in earlier correspondence, the State does recognize that there are areas on the Oak Ridge Reservation that present technologies do not permit immediate restoration. However, the State has a bias for cleanup and will seek to minimize the total area that must be maintained under restricted use. In those areas where acceptable risk levels cannot be achieved within a reasonable time period, the Record of Decision must include arrangements for long term management and control in accordance with the State's guidance policy on "perpetual institutional controls."

The Division appreciates the opportunity to respond to the SSAB's recommendations. If there are any questions or concerns with this response, please contact John Owsley or me at (423) 481-0995.

Sincerely

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