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Mr. William M. Pardue, Chair Oak Ridge Reservation Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board P. O. Box 2001, Mail Stop EM-90 Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831

Dear Mr. Pardue:

OAK RIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD (OREMSSAB) RECOMMENDATION 03/04/98.5 "SOCIAL, CULTURAL, AND ECONOMIC PRIORITIZATION CATEGORY"

Thank you for your recommendation that DOE-OR not utilize the category of "Social, Cultural, and Economic" in a quantitative manner for prioritization of activities. Your recommendation has been factored into the Environmental Management Benefit Assessment Matrix used to prioritize Oak Ridge Operations Office projects. We plan to continue to consider "Social, Cultural, and Economic" factors during the sequencing process as you suggested to ensure adequate focus on these aspects of the program.

Sincerely,

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