



## Department of Energy

Oak Ridge Operations  
P.O. Box 2001  
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831—

September 1, 1998

Mr. William Pardue, Chair  
Oak Ridge Reservation Environmental Management  
Site Specific Advisory Board  
P.O. Box 2001  
Mail Stop EW-91  
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831

Dear Mr. Pardue:

### **RESPONSE TO ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SITE-SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FORMER K-25 SITE AT THE EAST TENNESSEE TECHNOLOGY PARK (ETTP)**

Reference is made to the following recommendations provided to the Department of Energy (DOE) from the Oak Ridge Reservation Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board:

“End Use Recommendations for the Former K-25 Site at the East Tennessee Technology Park” along with a “Minority Opinion Regarding the End Use Recommendations for the Former K-25 Site at the East Tennessee Technology Park.”

The effort that was expended in development of the End Use recommendation and minority opinion is appreciated. After review of them by my staff and myself we find the End Use recommendations to be acceptable and applicable to decision making for the DOE Environmental Management cleanup program. The recommendations will be incorporated into the ongoing efforts to complete the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) feasibility study of alternatives for cleaning up the site and the environmental impact statement evaluating appropriate strategies for managing the uranium hexafluoride containers (UF<sub>6</sub> cylinders).

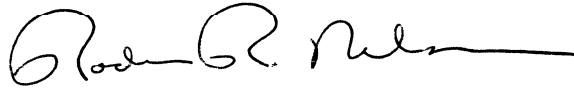
As the CERCLA decision-making process for ETTP progresses, my staff and I look forward to discussing our plans and any exceptions to your recommendations should they come up.

Mr. Pardue

2

I'd like to thank the Board for the time and effort spent providing these recommendations to the Department. This kind of input, early on in the CERCLA process has already proved to be invaluable to my staff as they work to evaluate the "community acceptance" aspects as part of the nine CERCLA evaluation criteria.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodney R. Nelson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Rodney R. Nelson  
Assistant Manager for  
Environmental Management

cc:

John Hankinson, USEPA Region 4  
Earl Leming, TDEC  
Karol Hazard, DOE/HQ  
Susan Gawarecki, LOC  
ORREMSSAB Members  
EUWG Members