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Mr. William M. Pardue, Chair
Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board
Post Office Box 2001
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831

Dear Mr. Pardue:

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS ON THE *RECOMMENDATION FOR INCLUDING PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN PROPOSALS FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY AT THE OAK RIDGE RESERVATION*

The purpose of this letter is to respond to your November 5, 1998, letter providing comments on the subject document. I apologize for our failure to provide a more rapid written response to the Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board (ORSSAB). Fortunately, this topic was discussed with the On-Site Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act Waste Disposal Facility Special Project Team of the ORSSAB in a more timely manner.

As discussed with members of the team, the actual procurement of design and construction services for the facility is being conducted by Bechtel Jacobs Company LLC as part of their management and integration functions. While preserving the integrity of this procurement process places some restrictions on public access to procurement sensitive information, I believe most of the ORSSAB's goals for providing public input on this project will still be met. For example, each of the ORSSAB's recommendations concerning location of this facility have been incorporated into the ongoing procurement process.

Thank you for your continued interest and involvement with this project. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either me or David Adler at 576-4094.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodney R. Nelson".

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