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The Oak Ridge Reservation Stakeholder Report on Stewardship, Volume 2

Dear Mr. Nelson:

At our February 2, 2000, Board meeting, the Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board (ORSSAB) endorsed The Oak Ridge Reservation Stakeholder Report on Stewardship Volume 2 dated December 1999 (copy enclosed). The report was prepared by the Stewardship Working Group (SWG), a volunteer group composed of representatives of local organizations and individuals, the Department of Energy (DOE), the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, and the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4. The SWG as a whole adopted the report.

In August 1998, the ORSSAB approved and forwarded to DOE, the <u>Final Report of the Oak Ridge Reservation End Use Working Group</u> and <u>The Oak Ridge Reservation Stakeholder Report on Stewardship</u>, both published in July 1998. Volume 2 of the Stewardship Report supplements these reports and addresses outstanding issues related to steward responsibilities and stewardship information and funding. A summary of recommendations is found on pages v and vi. In addition, I call your attention to section 1.2 for a review of national and local stewardship activities. The Oak Ridge stakeholders have provided the impetus for many of these activities.

In October 1999, the ORSSAB sponsored a national SSAB Stewardship Workshop. Over 100 DOE stakeholders, including 50 members of DOE SSABs from nine DOE sites, met in Oak Ridge to discuss the current state of stewardship at DOE sites and the actions and activities for stewardship that are most important for DOE to pursue in the near future. At that meeting, the

State of Tennessee presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the End Use Working Group and the Stewardship Working Group for their outstanding recommendations toward end use and stewardship planning.

As remediation of the Reservation proceeds, the Board urges DOE to continue utilizing the stakeholders' stewardship recommendations found in the aforementioned reports.

We thank you, and DOE and contractor staff for your strong support of the Stewardship Working Group. We believe it was a worthwhile experience for all concerned.

Sincerely,

Steven H. Kopp, Chair

Enclosure

cc: Earl Leming, TDEC

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