



Department of Energy

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October 3, 2000

Mr. Luther Gibson, Chair
Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board
P.O. Box 2001, EM-90
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831

Dear Mr. Gibson:

**RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION THAT SECTION XXXI, FIVE YEAR REVIEW,
OF THE FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT FOR THE OAK RIDGE RESERVATION
BE REVISED TO INCLUDE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT DURING FIVE-YEAR
REVIEWS**

Thank you for your comments regarding community involvement during Five-Year Reviews for actions taken under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability and Compensation Act (CERCLA). As you know, DOE has made every effort to include the public in the decision-making process regarding the Reservation Environmental Management Program, and will continue to do so.

In order to ensure an adequate opportunity for public involvement in the five-year review process, DOE proposes to modify the *Public Involvement Plan for the Oak Ridge Reservation* (DOE/OR/01-1552&D1) to reflect that intention. DOE plans a comprehensive revision of the plan, and we feel this issue will be best addressed in that document, which is a primary document under the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA), rather than in Section XXXI of the FFA.

Again, thank you for your comments and recommendation regarding this issue. Please feel free to call David Adler of my staff at 576-4094 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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

Rodney R. Nelson
Assistant Manager for
Environmental Management