

## **Department of Energy**

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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 THE RECOMMENDATION THAT SECTION XXXII. RETENTION OF RECORDS OF THE FEDERAL FACILITY AGREEMENT FOR THE OAK RIDGE RESERVATION BE REVISED TO INCLUDE PUBLIC AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION OF ANY IMPENDING DESTRUCTION OF CERCLA/LUCAP DOCUMENTS RELATED TO REMEDIATION OF CONTAMINATED AREAS ON THE RESERVATION. SPECIFICALLY, ADD "THE PUBLIC AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS" TO LINE 6 OF SECTION XXXII.

Thank you for your comments regarding revision of the Federal Facility Agreement for the Oak Ridge Reservation (FFA). We appreciate your interest and that of the Site Specific Advisory Board in this document. As you know, the Department of Energy (DOE) has made every effort to include the public in the decision-making process regarding the Environmental Management efforts on the Reservation, and will continue to do so.

With public input, DOE plans to update the *Public Involvement Plan for the Oak Ridge Reservation* (DOE/OR/01-1552&D1) and will incorporate public notification of any agreement among the three FFA signatory agencies (DOE, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation) to destroy any CERCLA documents. DOE plans a comprehensive revision of the public involvement plan, and we feel this issue will be best addressed in that document, which is a primary document under the FFA, rather than in Section XXXII 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,

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Environmental Management