



## 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 THE *PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN FOR THE OAK RIDGE RESERVATION* (DOE/OR/01-1552&D1) BE REWRITTEN WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF OAK RIDGE STAKEHOLDERS AND THAT A DRAFT BE DISTRIBUTED TO U. S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION, AND THE PUBLIC FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT PRIOR TO FINALIZATION**

Thank you for your comments regarding revision of the *Public Involvement Plan for the Oak Ridge Reservation*. We appreciate your efforts and those of the Site Specific Advisory Board in providing input to this document. We agree that the subject document is in need of revision and updating.

With input from stakeholders, the subject document will be revised by the Department of Energy (DOE) to more accurately reflect current and future public involvement activities on the Oak Ridge Reservation. The revision will include provisions for stakeholder participation in the annual revision of the *Remediation Effectiveness Report* and in Five-Year Reviews for actions taken under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Liability and Compensation Act (CERCLA).

Provisions will also be made for regular periodic review and revision of the plan in order to ensure its timeliness. As a primary document under the Federal Facility Agreement for the Oak Ridge Reservation, these updates will be listed in Appendix E of that document.

Mr. Luther Gibson

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If you have any questions regarding this response to your recommendation, please call David Adler of my staff at 576-4094.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rodney R. Nelson".

Rodney R. Nelson  
Assistant Manager for  
Environmental Management