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September 5, 2000

Mr. Luther Gibson, Chair
Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board
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Dear Mr. Gibson:

**RESPONSE TO COMMENTS ON THE 2000 REMEDIATION EFFECTIVENESS
REPORT FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OAK RIDGE RESERVATION,
OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE (DOE/OR/01-1858&D1)**

The Department of Energy (DOE) has received and reviewed your comments dated June 8, 2000, regarding the subject document. We appreciate the Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) providing this input on a document that is of great importance to all of us.

The comments reflect a significant amount of effort as well as a unique pool of technical expertise. Many of the more technical and editorial comments have resulted in changes to the 2000 document. Other comments will help to guide us in our ongoing preparations for the 2001 Remediation Effectiveness Report (RER). Others have touched on significant policy issues that DOE has been considering. The 2000 report and future RER's will be better documents as a result of our combined efforts.

The D2 2000 RER has been issued and is available at the Information Resource Center. Since the SSAB has reviewed the D1 version in great detail, DOE is not planning on a presentation of this revised document to the Board. Instead, based on comments from the Board, we are focusing our efforts on establishing a "well-publicized annual public meeting" in 2001. Current plans are to hold an open house-type meeting after regulator review of the report. Technical experts from each watershed will be present to discuss the status and performance of their projects. This will enable stakeholders to gain an indepth understanding of the projects which interest them and provide an opportunity for their input.

If you have any questions on either the report or next year's efforts, please feel free to contact me at (865) 576-0742 or Jason Darby at (865) 241-6343.

Sincerely,

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

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