



Many Voices Working for the Community

Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board

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ORSSAB's Endorsement of Oak Ridge DOE-EM Program's Proposal: *Oak Ridge Comprehensive Closure Plan* dated March 11, 2002

Dear Mr. Boyd:

Members of the Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board (ORSSAB) have reviewed the proposal. At its monthly meeting on May 8, 2002, the Board voted to endorse the accelerated cleanup initiatives presented by the Department of Energy (DOE)/Oak Ridge Environmental Management Program in the proposal.

Given the unconventional protocols that DOE-Headquarters established in the top-to-bottom review for accelerated cleanup, and the relatively short timeframe given DOE to prepare the proposal, we find the document to represent a creditable effort. The proposal effectively utilizes the criteria of risk and/or mortgage reduction to greatly accelerate several key projects at the Oak Ridge Reservation (ORR). Although many details of the initiatives remain to be developed, we expect that DOE-Headquarters will provide the additional money needed to fund these fast-tracked projects as part of the comprehensive cleanup plan at the ORR.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luther V. Gibson, Jr." in a cursive style.

Luther V. Gibson, Jr.
Chairman

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