

Department of Energy

Oak Ridge Operations P.O. Box 2001 Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831—

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

Dear Mr. Gibson:

REQUEST FOR REPRESENTATION ON THE OAK RIDGE RESERVATION LAND-USE FOCUS GROUP

Thank you for your organization's continued interest and involvement in the Environmental Management (EM) Program of the Department of Energy (DOE). The Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) has added and continues to provide exceptional value in so many endeavors of the Department of Energy in Oak Ridge and on a national level. We are grateful for the amount of time, energy, technical expertise and broad-based input your organization consistently gives to the Department's EM activities.

We appreciate your desire to be involved in the Land-Use Planning Focus Group; however, we do not want to dilute any of your efforts in advising the Department on EM matters. We feel that the values of the SSAB will be incorporated in the focus group activities by the three recent past members of the SSAB, two of them long-term and charter members.

As with any other group of interested citizens, we would appreciate your attendance and participation at focus group meetings. Any comments provided by the SSAB and its members are valuable and will be considered throughout the process.

Sincerely,

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Manager

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