

Department of Energy

Oak Ridge Operations Office P.O. Box 2001 Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831— August 9, 2002

Mr. David V. Mosby Chair Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board Post Office Box 2001, EM-90 Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831

Dear Mr. Mosby:

RECOMMENDATION ON MIXED TRANSURANIC MILESTONES

Thank you for the letter dated March 14, 2002, regarding the deletion of transuranic (TRU) waste milestones from the Site Treatment Plan for Mixed Waste on the Department of Energy (DOE) Oak Ridge Reservation. We appreciate the effort by the Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board (ORSSAB) to provide a recommendation.

As you are no doubt aware, the DOE is currently attempting to resolve this issue with the State of Tennessee in concert with our efforts to accelerate cleanup of the Oak Ridge Reservation. While DOE and the State have reached substantive agreement on general aspects of the plan, many details, including mixed TRU milestones, remain to be resolved. Until we have reached agreement on all issues with the State, we will be unable to provide a substantive response to your recommendation. In the meantime, we wish to acknowledge receipt of your recommendation and assure you that ORSSAB's recommendation is being taken into account in our negotiations with the State.

Sincerely, Howether fac

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