

Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. David N. Mosby Chair Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board P.O. Box, EM-91 Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830

Dear Mr. Mosby:

This in response to your March 29, 2003, letter regarding the recommendations on transuranic (TRU) waste management suggested by the Office of Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Boards (SSABs).

Let me extend my appreciation for the time and effort put forth by the SSABs in developing a comprehensive set of recommendations to accelerate cleanup of TRU waste sites across the complex. We agree in principle with the recommendations. The recommendations support concepts presented in the National Transuranic Waste Management Plan, the Performance Management Plan for Transuranic Waste, and recent and ongoing TRU waste studies by the National Research Council. We are committed to working with the SSABs, other stakeholders, and regulators to implement these recommendations to the extent practicable.

If you have any further questions, please call me at 202-586-7709 or Patrice M. Bubar, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Integration and Disposition, at 202-586-5151.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Management