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Mr. David N. Mosby, Chair  
Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board  
Post Office Box 2001  
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831

Dear Mr. Mosby:

### **RESPONSE TO THE SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY PREPARED EXPLANATION OF SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES FACT SHEETS**

Thank you for the November 14, 2002, letter and recommendations regarding the substance and format to be use for future fact sheets prepared to inform the public of planned changes to a signed Record of Decision (ROD). We appreciate the effort made by the Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board (ORSSAB) to review the fact sheet prepared for the Melton Valley ROD Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) and for providing the ESD fact sheet development principles.

As you may be aware, we will soon be discussing with the Federal Facility Agreement Regulators the preparation of an ESD for the Molten Salt Reactor Experiment (MSRE) ROD. The members of the ORSSAB will be provided draft copies of the fact sheet prepared to provide to the public sufficient information to understand the nature of the change(s) being proposed to this ROD. We believe that these fact sheets are a valuable tool for providing the public with the information necessary for their understanding the nature of and rationale behind the ESD changes, and we will follow the principles recommended by the board as closely as possible in these efforts.

Thank you for your interest and input in this important undertaking. We look forward to your review of the draft MSRE ESD fact sheet.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald G. Boyd".

Gerald G. Boyd  
Manager

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