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Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board

July 13, 2006

Mr. Steve McCracken
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Dear Mr. McCracken:

Recommendation 148: Recommendation on the Integrated Facilities Disposition Project – 2015 Cleanup Initiative for the Oak Ridge Reservation

At our July 12, 2006, meeting, the Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board approved the enclosed recommendation.

We appreciate your consideration of this recommendation and look forward to receiving your written response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rhonda Bogard".

Rhonda Bogard, Vice-Chair

Enclosure

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Disposition Project - 2015 Cleanup Initiative
for the DOE Oak Ridge Reservation

BACKGROUND

As currently planned, cleanup of the East Tennessee Technology Park (ETTP), the Melton Valley watershed, and sites located off the Oak Ridge Reservation will be completed in FY 2009. However, while completion of these critical cleanup activities represents significant progress in remediation of sites associated with DOE's Oak Ridge Reservation, the job of cleaning up the War and Cold War legacy will not be complete. Numerous facilities and structures are present at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and at the Y-12 National Security Complex (Y-12) that must be cleaned out, deactivated, demolished, and disposed and are not currently included in the DOE Environmental Management baseline.

DISCUSSION

Clean out, deactivation, demolition, and disposition of these facilities at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and Y-12 will eliminate a significant portion of contamination from these facilities that impacts site missions, increases risks to the environment and worker health and safety, and diverts mission resources from core programmatic activities to surveillance and maintenance. In addition, eliminating contaminated and inadequate facilities will also create space for expansion to address current and future mission needs.

Implementation of the Integrated Facilities Disposition Project (IFDP) on the accelerated planning schedule offers the additional opportunity of allowing an experienced and trained work force to be re-directed onto these projects rather than lost as the closure of East Tennessee Technology Park is achieved.

Through its implementation, the IFDP will (1) assist in the elimination of the Cold War legacy contamination issues on the Oak Ridge Reservation, (2) allow programmatic resources at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and Y-12 to be directed to mission-critical functions rather than surveillance and maintenance, (3) support facilities revitalization by creating areas for future development, and (4) assure that a trained and experienced workforce is available to complete the complex and challenging work.

The IFDP is not entirely included in the Environmental Management, Office of Science, or National Nuclear Security Administration budgets.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board strongly supports the inclusion of the Integrated Facilities Disposition Project - 2015 Clean Up Initiative to eliminate the remaining War and Cold War legacy on the Oak Ridge Reservation into the DOE Environmental Management scope, and we recommend that it be funded.