

## Department of Energy

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Mr. Lance Mezga, Chair Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board Post Office Box 2001 Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831

Dear Mr. Mezga:

## RECOMMENDATION 157: RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT THE 2007 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

Reference: SSAB letter from Lance Mezga to Steven McCracken, dated July 12, 2007, entitled "Recommendation 157: Recommendation to Adopt the 2007 Public Involvement Plan"

The Department of Energy appreciates the Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) referenced recommendation. The Public Involvement Plan is one of the most important documents to citizens that the Environmental Management program prepares, and we appreciate this supportive recommendation from the board.

We would also like to express our appreciation for the many valuable comments the SSAB members provided on the draft plan in March and during the public meeting held in April. The written comments on the plan were incorporated into the second draft, which was presented at a public meeting held May 3. Thanks to the SSAB's knowledgeable input, we believe the document has been greatly improved since its previous update three years ago.

Again, we thank you for your active participation and assistance in the production of this important Federal Facility Agreement primary document.

Sincerely

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