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Dear Stakeholder:

#### **EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE DISPOSITION OF NICKEL AT DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FACILITIES IN OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AND PADUCAH, KENTUCKY, FOR CONTROLLED RADIOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS (DOE/EA-1599)**

As stated in correspondence dated June 13, 2008, the Department of Energy (DOE) is considering the disposition of approximately 15,300 tons of nickel scrap recovered from equipment used in the uranium enrichment process. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared to evaluate the potential impacts of this proposed action as well as two other possible actions including disposal of the nickel as a radioactive waste or continued storage of the nickel. The draft EA was released for a 30-day public comment period on June 13, 2008. However, in response to stakeholder requests, DOE is extending the public comment period by 30 days. Therefore, comments on the draft EA are due by August 15, 2008.

As a reminder, an electronic copy of the EA can be accessed via a link to the DOE Information Center at the following website: <http://www.oakridge.doe.gov>. To obtain a hard copy of the draft EA, please contact the DOE Oak Ridge Information Center at (865) 241-4780 or DOE Paducah Environmental Information Center at (270) 554-6979.

If you have any questions regarding the draft EA or any comments on the draft EA, please forward them to me prior to August 15, 2008, at the following address:

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Comments received after completion of the public comment period will be considered to the extent practical. For further information about the NEPA process, please contact me at (865) 576-0273.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary S. Hartman".

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ORO NEPA Compliance Officer

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