

STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION

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Approval: Addendum to the Remedial Design Report/Remedial Action Work Plan for the Environmental Management Disposal Facility, Oak Ridge, Tennessee: Early Site Preparation Activities: East Spoils Area (DOE/OR/01-2934&D2/A1)

Dear Mr. Petrie

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), Division of Remediation - Oak Ridge Office, received the subject work plan on October 26, 2023. TDEC reviewed the document in accordance with the <u>Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) for the Oak Ridge Reservation (ORR)</u>. TDEC approves this revised document and supports implementation of the site preparation activities it describes.

Expedited approval of this work plan is possible because the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) resolved concerns in <u>TDEC's comments</u> on the <u>D1 draft</u> of the document being amended—i.e., the <u>Remedial Design Report/Remedial Action Work Plan for the Environmental Management Disposal Facility, Oak Ridge, Tennessee: Early Site Preparation Activities (DOE/OR/01-2934&D2). Through that collaborative effort and DOE consultation with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, the FFA parties developed an approach that protects threatened and endangered bats.</u>

As detailed in a separate <u>TDEC letter</u>, dated October 16, 2023, TDEC recommends similar consultation with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) and thorough surveys for all sensitive species that may live in areas where future actions are planned. This will ensure protection of state-listed sensitive species in addition to those listed federally.

Questions or comments concerning this letter should be directed to Brad Stephenson at the above address, by email at brad.stephenson@tn.gov, or by phone at (865) 352-1235.

Sincerely

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