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TDEC Review: Update to the Administrative Record for the Record of Decision for Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act Oak Ridge Reservation Waste Disposal at the Environmental Management Disposal Facility, Oak Ridge, Tennessee (DOE/OR/01-2794&D2/R1)

Dear Mr. Petrie

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), Division of Remediation-Oak Ridge Office approves the list of documents incorporated to date in the subject Administrative Record Index. This includes the latest update (dated December 12, 2023) submitted with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) letter dated <u>December 20, 2023</u>.

However, consistent with TDEC letters dated <u>September 14, 2022</u>, and <u>March 6, 2023</u>, and <u>Section XXXIII</u> of the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) for the Oak Ridge Reservation, TDEC recommends inclusion of additional public records listed in the enclosure to this letter. TDEC supports openness with regard to public records that were considered in selecting the Environmental Management Disposal Facility (EMDF) as an onsite waste disposal remedy under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).

Questions or comments should be directed to Brad Stephenson at the above address, by email at <a href="mailto:brad.stephenson@tn.gov">brad.stephenson@tn.gov</a>, or by phone at (865) 352-1235.

#### Sincerely

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#### Enclosure

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Hyperlinks in the following list indicate documents that appear to be absent from, and should be added to, the proposed Administrative Record. Items *without* hyperlinks are headings for the supporting documents listed below them.

#### Remedial Investigation (RI) / Feasibility Study (FS) & Site Characterization

Acoustic Survey of Bats at the Proposed EMDF Site, February 2017 (transmitted February 28, 2017)

#### Focused Feasibility Study (FFS) for Landfill Wastewater Management

<u>D2 FFS</u>, February 2016 transmitted February 23, 2016

Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC) letter to EPA Administrator, May 26, 2021

<u>D3 FFS</u>, June 2021 transmitted June 23, 2021

Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC) letter to EPA Administrator, August 2, 2021

Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC) letter to EPA Administrator, November 4, 2021

<u>D4 FFS</u>, June 2022 transmitted June 1, 2022

EPA Comments (Final), July 13, 2022

#### DOE Performance Assessment (PA) & Composite Analysis (CA)

TDEC Letter re EMDF Composite Analysis Issues, April 17, 2019

#### **Community Acceptance**

Public Involvement Plan for CERCLA Activities at the U.S. Department of Energy Oak Ridge Site and Community Outreach Plan for the Environmental Management Disposal Facility [2016 Update, Replaces Previous Versions], January 20, 2017

EPA Approval: Community Outreach Plan for the EMDF, March 9, 2017

City of Oak Ridge Letter: Request to Postpone D1 ROD, April 2, 2019

TDEC Letter: Response to City of Oak Ridge Request to Postpone D1 ROD, April 15, 2019

<u>DOE Response to Oak Ridge Reservation Communities Alliance (ORRCA) Letter: Request for Public Meeting Before Draft (D1) ROD</u>, July 19, 2019

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City of Oak Ridge Letter: Request for Public Meeting Before Draft (D1) ROD, July 12, 2019

Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC) Letter: Request for Meaningful Opportunities for Public Comment, August 1, 2019

Advocates for the Oak Ridge Reservation (AFORR) Letter & Fact Sheet: Support for the Hybrid Alternative, August 26, 2019

Notes: Date in letter (2009) is a typographical error; it should be 2019. In the interest of privacy, this copy omits the petition with approximately 174 names.

Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC)Letter: New Information Regarding the Proposed Landfill Site, October 1, 2019

Letter from Sierra Club & Advocates for the Oak Ridge Reservation (AFORR), April 8, 2021

<u>Community Outreach Plan for the Environmental Management Disposal Facility,</u> provided to Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board June 1, 2021

<u>Letter from Rev. Derrick Hammond and Scarboro Community Leaders</u>, November 29, 2021

City of Oak Ridge Statement on Proposed disposal facility, May 17, 2022

#### **Record of Decision (ROD) Milestone Extensions**

In the interest of consistency within the Administrative Record Index, TDEC recommends including *or* omitting all ROD extension requests, approvals, and acknowledgements. The updated Index provided to TDEC and EPA on December 20, 2023, already includes letters associated the extensions indicated below.

**ROD Milestone Extension #1** 

ROD Milestone Extension #12

**ROD Milestone Extension #15** 

**ROD Milestone Extension #18** 

The EPA approval letter is included in the index.

The index omits the DOE letter and the TDEC letter.

D2 ROD Schedule Extension #4

D2 ROD Schedule Extension #5

D2 ROD Schedule Extension #6

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However, the index omits some or all of the letters associated with the other extensions, as indicated and hyperlinked below.

All three letters (DOE, EPA, TDEC) missing from Administrative Record Index.

**ROD Milestone Extension #2** 

**ROD Milestone Extension #3** 

**ROD Milestone Extension #4** 

**ROD Milestone Extension #5** 

**ROD Milestone Extension #6** 

**ROD Milestone Extension #7** 

**ROD Milestone Extension #8** 

**ROD Milestone Extension #9** 

**ROD Milestone Extension #10** 

**ROD Milestone Extension #11** 

**ROD Milestone Extension #13** 

D2 ROD Schedule Extension #1

DOE letter missing from Administrative Record Index; EPA & TDEC letters are included.

**ROD Milestone Extension #14** 

TDEC letter missing from Administrative Record Index; DOE & EPA letters are included.

**ROD Milestone Extension #16** 

D2 ROD Schedule Extension #3

EPA letter missing from Administrative Record Index; DOE & TDEC letters are included.

**ROD Milestone Extension #17** 

EPA letter is now included in the revised Administrative Record Index, but searching for Order number F.0615.031.0221 in the DOE Information Center returns an unsigned document. TDEC's link here connects to a signed version. The Index should reference the signed version of this letter.

D2 ROD Schedule Extension #2

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As of February 2, 2024, DOE has not corrected this in the DOE Information Center. TDEC provided a signed version to DOE.

DOE & TDEC letters missing from Administrative Record Index; EPA letter is included.

D2 ROD Schedule Extension #7