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Mr. Roger Petrie
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TDEC Approval: Federal Facility Agreement Extension Request (July 3, 2024) for Explanation of Significant Differences for the Record of Decision for the Disposal of Oak Ridge Reservation Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 Waste, Oak Ridge, Tennessee: Clean Water Act (DOE/OR/01-2972&D2)

Dear Mr. Petrie

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), Division of Remediation - Oak Ridge Office, reviewed the request cited above in accordance with the [Federal Facility Agreement \(FFA\) for the Oak Ridge Reservation \(ORR\)](#). The State concurs with the 4-month (120-day) extension requested by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for delivering the second draft (D2) Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD).

Pursuant to FFA Subsection XXX.B.6, Good Cause, the additional time supports resolution of comments from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and TDEC on the first draft (D1) ESD. [TDEC submitted comments](#) on the [D1](#) on May 17, 2024, and EPA submitted comments on June 18, 2024. Mutually agreeable resolution of the comments is necessary to support regulatory approval of the D2.

While TDEC supports the requested extension, the State encourages DOE to deliver the D2 in a timelier manner if possible. DOE, EPA, and TDEC have engaged in a long-term effort to establish protective limits for the discharge of chemicals and radionuclides in landfill wastewater from the Environmental Management Waste Management Facility (EMWMF). This endeavor included a multi-year dispute that culminated in a formal decision from the EPA Administrator in 2020. The [D1 ESD](#) and recent project team discussions indicate approval of the ESD is just one step in a long process toward implementing protections consistent with the Administrator's decision.

Questions or concerns regarding this letter may be directed to Brad Stephenson at the above address, by phone at 865-352-1235, or by e-mail at brad.stephenson@tn.gov.

Sincerely

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