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Mr. Roger Petrie  
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Dear Mr. Petrie

**TDEC Approval: Federal Facility Agreement Extension Request (October 31, 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)**

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 subject letter requests a 180-day extension of the due date for the second draft (D2) Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD).

The ESD will add requirements from Clean Water Act (CWA) regulations to the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Environmental Management Waste Management Facility (EMWMF). The requested extension would extend the due date from November 15, 2024, to May 14, 2025. As agreed by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and TDEC during an October 30, 2024, project team meeting, the State concurs with extending the due date for this document to March 15, 2025.

Pursuant to FFA Subsection XXX.B.6, Good Cause, the additional time supports resolution of comments from 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. TDEC recognizes the three parties are making progress in a collaborative effort to establish protective effluent limits for the discharge of chemicals and radionuclides in EMWMF landfill wastewater that are consistent with the EPA Administrator's 2020 [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](mailto:brad.stephenson@tn.gov).

Sincerely

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