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Mr. Roger Petrie
Oak Ridge Office of Environmental Management
U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Mr. Petrie

**RE: Federal Facility Agreement Milestone Modification Request for the Outfall 200
Mercury Treatment Facility Phased Construction Completion Report**

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), Division of Remediation-Oak Ridge Office, received the above referenced submittal on June 25, 2025. The document has been reviewed pursuant to the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) for the Oak Ridge Reservation (ORR). The request is to extend the Outfall 200 Mercury Treatment Facility (OF200 MTF) Phased Construction Completion Report (PCCR) milestone by five years.

TDEC recognizes the importance of the OF200 MTF to address mercury levels in Upper East Fork Poplar Creek (UEFPC) and acknowledges the need for this project to be successfully completed. Ongoing and planned activities within the West End Mercury Area (WEMA) to support both Y-12 mission needs and future FFA remedial actions will increase the potential to mobilize additional mercury into UEFPC.

Given the information presented on the project delay to date, TDEC cannot approve a milestone extension request that proposes extending the PCCR submission date out five years. The significance of this project mandates regulatory oversight and accountability to ensure the project remains on track. TDEC suggests extending the milestone for no more than three years, thereby remaining within the enforceable milestone window of Appendix E of the FFA and establishing interim milestones to allow the FFA parties to monitor progress. In addition, considering this delay and the pre-demolition work planned within WEMA prior to operation of the OF200 MTF, TDEC proposes additional mercury sampling be conducted in UEFPC.

TDEC is denying this milestone modification request and suggests the tri-parties meet to discuss how to proceed with establishing revised milestones.

Questions or comments concerning the contents of this letter should be directed to Dana Casey at dana.casey@tn.gov or by phone at (865) 310-0253.

Sincerely

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