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Mr. Roger Petrie Oak Ridge Office of Environmental Management U.S. Department of Energy Post Office Box 4067 Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831



Dear Mr. Petrie

RE: Federal Facility Agreement Request for Tri-Party Involvement in Ongoing Modifications to the Oak Ridge Environmental Management Baseline Plans for Remediation on the Oak Ridge Reservation

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), Division of Remediation-Oak Ridge Office, has learned that Oak Ridge Environmental Management (OREM) is currently revising portions of their current baseline plans for environmental restoration on the Oak Ridge Reservation (ORR). It is TDEC's understanding the baseline includes the assumptions for environmental restoration goals and conceptual plans which together form the life cycle for planned remediation scope. As this is a long-term planning tool, TDEC is requesting involvement in the OREM effort to revise the baseline, in alignment with Section XXXVIII.B of the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA).

Specifically, TDEC requests the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to lead a meeting(s) among the FFA parties to discuss the assumptions being used for those projects with the highest potential for disagreement. TDEC acknowledges that DOE is not specifically required under the FFA to gain TDEC approval for the DOE baseline being modified. However, TDEC assumes the annual submission of Appendix I milestones will represent the baseline plan. Therefore, tri-party discussions could identify areas of potential disagreement which could be worked more efficiently to minimize potential future schedule impacts. TDEC asserts that tri-party alignment on long-term planning assumptions is crucial to most accurately identify future costs and schedules.

Questions or comments concerning the contents of this letter should be directed to Randy Young at the above address or by phone at (865) 310-1157.

Sincerely

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