

## STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION

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COUNTY MAYOR'S OFFICE

November 6, 2025

Mr. Roger Petrie Federal Facility Agreement Manager Oak Ridge Office of Environmental Management U.S. Department of Energy Post Office Box 4067 Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830

Dear Mr. Petrie

TDEC Approval Letter 2025 Remediation Effectiveness Report for the U.S. Department of Energy Oak Ridge Site, Oak Ridge, Tennessee (DOE/OR/01-2989&D2)

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Division of Remediation Oak Ridge Office has reviewed the above referenced document pursuant to the Federal Facility Agreement for the Oak Ridge Reservation. Following discussions regarding investigations of mercury in Bear Creek, TDEC continues to have concerns regarding the protectiveness of the remedy selected in the Bear Creek Valley Operable Unit 2 Record of Decision (DOE/OR/02-1435&D2) and looks forward to working with the U.S. Department of Energy during the review of the 2025 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act Five-Year Review for the Bear Creek Valley Administrative Watershed to determine a path forward on any outstanding concerns. Therefore, TDEC approves this document.

Questions or comments concerning the contents of this letter should be directed to Eileen Marcillo by phone at (865) 985-2397 or by email at <a href="mailto:eileen.marcillo@tn.gov">eileen.marcillo@tn.gov</a>.

Sincerely

Eileen

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