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February 23, 2026

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

Re: Federal Facility Agreement Milestone Addition Request for the Upper East Fork Poplar Creek Interim Record of Decision

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), Division of Remediation-Oak Ridge Office, received the above referenced Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) milestone addition request (letter from J. Hardin and R. Petrie to J. Dawson and E. Marcillo) on February 10, 2026. This request has been reviewed pursuant to Section XVIII of the FFA for the Oak Ridge Reservation.

As the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is planning for characterization work within the Exposure Unit 1B area of the Y-12 National Security Complex, special considerations are necessary for the New Hope Pond Appendix C site. TDEC agrees with the good cause presented in this letter and acknowledges that the soil and source to groundwater determination for this New Hope Pond area will need to be addressed in a future decision. It is expected that the Explanation of Significant Differences associated with this milestone will identify the appropriate document that will capture the relevant future decisions for this area.

Based on the review of this milestone addition request letter, TDEC approves the addition of the following FFA Appendix E milestone:

- Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) D1 for New Hope Pond: July 31, 2026.

Review of this request meets the review cycle protocol of 14 days. Questions or comments concerning the contents of this letter should be directed to Cody Juneau at the above address or by phone at (865) 314-2328.

Sincerely

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