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April 2, 2026

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

RE: Federal Facility Agreement Milestone Revision Request for the East Tennessee Technology Park Zone 1 Groundwater Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), Division of Remediation-Oak Ridge Office, received the above referenced milestone revision request (letter from M. McIntosh and R. Petrie) sent on March 26, 2026. The request has been reviewed pursuant to Section XVIII of the Federal Facility Agreement for the Oak Ridge Reservation.

TDEC approves the requested milestone revisions. These revisions remove the existing Zone 1 Groundwater Plumes Remedial Investigation (RI) milestone of September 15, 2026, and the Zone 1 Groundwater Plumes Feasibility Study (FS) milestone of September 4, 2027, from Appendix E. The two documents, as requested, will instead be combined into a single Zone 1 Groundwater Plumes RI/FS with a new milestone of September 4, 2027.

TDEC agrees that there is good cause for these milestone revisions, ultimately noting that this combined RI/FS format will provide the ability to include all relevant data to make a more complete evaluation of remedy alternatives.

TDEC supports the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) request sent in a letter to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on March 10, 2026, that proposes tri-party involvement (e.g., early scoping meeting, Tech-Memo, or some approach agreed upon by the project team) prior to development of the RI/FS that seeks to:

1. Review appropriate Zone 1 groundwater data summaries
2. Draft Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements (ARARs) and develop appropriate Remedial Action Objectives (RAOs) based on those ARARs
3. Identify and discuss potential FS alternatives

Collectively drafting ARARs and RAOs prior to RI/FS development will help guide the evaluation of appropriate FS alternatives which will in turn allow for streamlined review and approval.

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 Jared Brabazon at jared.brabazon@tn.gov, or by phone at (865) 201-2407.

Sincerely

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