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Dear Mr. Petrie

RE: Supplemental Sampling and Analysis Plan for the Remedial Investigation of Remaining Ecology/Surface Water/Sediment at East Tennessee Technology Park, Oak Ridge, Tennessee (DOE/OR/01-3016&D2)

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Division of Land Protection - Remediation Branch, Oak Ridge Office (DLP-RB) is in receipt of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) letter dated August 4, 2026, transmitting for information the above referenced document. DLP-RB received the transmittal the same day. TDEC offers the following feedback to DOE's response to comments.

Regarding general comment 1, TDEC disagrees with DOE's decision to not include per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) sampling in surface water and sediment during the Phase 2 sampling effort. TDEC appreciates DOE's plan to conduct a comprehensive baseline/background study for emerging contaminants including PFAS compounds, however, little progress has been made to identify when this study will begin. TDEC requests DOE include PFAS sampling for risk evaluation since the Supplemental Sampling and Analysis Plan will support the Remedial Investigation phase of the Remaining Media project. While maximum concentrations of PFAS in Mitchell Branch surface water were below the water quality criteria published in 2024, surface water in a flowing stream is transient, and other data from ETTP identify PFAS exceedances in groundwater adjacent to some Remaining Media Investigation Areas (IAs). TDEC requests that PFAS analysis be included in characterization, analysis, and evaluation of risk to biological receptors (e.g., fish tissue, invertebrates) associated with both human health and ecological risk pathways. Evaluating tissue samples in fish and invertebrates provides a better understanding of time-integrated accumulation/exposure within the IAs compared to single grab samples in surface water.

Questions or comments concerning the contents of this letter should be directed to Randy Hoffmeister at the above address or by phone at (865) 985-2513.

Sincerely

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