



# OAK RIDGE RESERVATION

Environmental Management

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Mr. James M. Owendoff  
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## **Nevada Test Site Environmental Impact Statement Record of Decision Amendment**

Dear Mr. Owendoff:

The amendment to the Nevada Test Site (NTS) Environmental Impact Statement (DOE/EIS-0243) Record of Decision (ROD) is of the utmost importance to Oak Ridge stakeholders. Members of the Oak Ridge Reservation Site Specific Advisory Board and other local groups have consistently declared that disposal of legacy waste is a top priority issue.

Whatever the reasons for not including Oak Ridge as an "approved generator for disposal" in the Nevada Test Site EIS, the ROD amendment provides more than adequate justification for allowing Oak Ridge to ship limited low-level radioactive legacy waste to the Nevada Test Site.

We urge DOE to sign the amendment and thus, demonstrate to Oak Ridge and the State of Tennessee that DOE takes its responsibility for disposal of legacy waste and remediation of contaminated sites seriously.

Sincerely,

William M. Pardue, Chair

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