



Many Voices Working for the Community

Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board

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Dear Mr. Owen:

Recommendation 155: Recommendation on the Draft Legacy Management Strategic Plan

While the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management (OLM) Strategic Plan (October 2006) incorporates many of the elements needed for long-term stewardship of contaminated sites, it neglects to plan for contaminated DOE sites with ongoing missions. If indeed, OLM has no responsibility for such sites, the plan must make this clear and indicate who has the responsibility [e.g., message to the reader (page ii, paragraph 2), in the summary (page iii), the background (page 2, paragraph 1), the mission statement (page 2), goal 4 (page 13, paragraph 1)].

In addition, we are providing the following suggested changes to the plan:

- Page 1, paragraph 4 – Include an explanation of the types of stewardship sites (i.e. closed and ongoing mission sites).
- Page 2, paragraph 1 – “In addition..., Legacy Management has the regulatory and legal responsibilities associated with sites that transfer from Environmental Management and....”
- Page 4, first bullet – change “should” to “shall.”
- Pages 5, 9, and 13 – Please define custodial/noncustodial sites, custodial information/records, custodial lands.

We appreciate your consideration of these comments and recommendations and look forward to receiving your written response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lance J. Mezga".

Lance J. Mezga, Chair

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Date: March 15, 2007
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