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October 6, 2009

Mr. Steve Dixon, Chairman
Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board
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Dear Mr. Dixon:

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION LETTER 175: RECOMMENDATION ON THE INTEGRATED FACILITY DISPOSITION PROJECT

The purpose of this letter is to respond to the Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board's (Board's) Recommendation 175 concerning the Integrated Facility Disposition Project (IFDP). In that letter, the Board recommends the Department of Energy (DOE) allocate adequate resources to facility surveillance and maintenance to ensure unsafe conditions complicating building demolition are not allowed to develop. The letter also requested that DOE incorporate historic preservation planning into IFDP efforts and maintain appropriate interfaces with interested community partners and stakeholders during these planning phases.

As annual budgets are provided, DOE will do everything practicable to optimize allocation of resources between surveillance and maintenance activities and other important Environmental Management mission requirements. Avoiding the development of hazardous conditions in excess facilities will be a primary objective. As the Board has recommended, IFDP implementation planning is factoring facility deterioration status into prioritization decisions. Fortunately, many of the most deteriorated structures are being addressed by ongoing American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) projects.

As you are aware, on May 6, DOE hosted a historic preservation consultation meeting with interested community partners to initiate public involvement activities related to IFDP/ARRA projects at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the Y-12 facility. These consultation meetings, held for the ORNL and Y-12 facilities, will continue to be scheduled to ensure receipt of public input on historic preservation at these sites.

Thank you for your recommendations concerning IFDP. As requested in your letter, we will provide periodic briefings on the status of these matters.

If you have additional questions or we can be of further assistance, please contact me at 576-0742 or David Adler at 576-4094.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Eschenberg".

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