



Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. Ron Murphree, Chairman
Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board
Post Office Box 2001
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830

Dear Mr. Murphree:

Thank you for your November 24, 2009, recommendations concerning Department of Energy (DOE) sponsorship of a national workshop on stewardship. I agree that such a workshop could present an opportunity for multiple DOE sites and associated stakeholders to exchange information and ideas on long-term stewardship approaches across the complex.

I am pleased to report that DOE's Office of Legacy Management plans to conduct a national stewardship conference in early November 2010 in Grand Junction, Colorado. Although the original focus of this conference was on closed DOE sites, the scope has been expanded to include long-term surveillance and maintenance issues at ongoing mission sites, including Oak Ridge. As such, this conference will now address issues of interest to members of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB) from across the complex. In addition to the Office of Environmental Management, the Office of Science and the National Nuclear Security Administration are expected to participate.

A well-developed and -implemented stewardship program will ensure that environmental restoration measures are effectively put in place and maintained at DOE facilities. Your past and present efforts to focus attention on this matter are greatly appreciated. The EM SSAB will be provided with additional information on the upcoming workshop as details become available.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this matter, please contact Ms. Melissa A. Nielson, Director, Office of Public and Intergovernmental Accountability, at (202) 586-0356.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Frank Marcinowski".

Frank Marcinowski
Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Technical and Regulatory Support

