



## Department of Energy

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

Dear Mr. Murphree:

### **IN RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION 189: RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2012 DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY-OAK RIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUDGET REQUEST**

Thank you for your recent recommendation concerning ongoing efforts to develop the Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 budget for environmental management activities on the Oak Ridge Reservation.

I agree that budget planning requires a careful balancing of priorities. The budget proposal recently developed by the Oak Ridge Office was assembled to ensure continued progress on key environmental concerns, while also advancing efforts to ensure that worker safety, transuranic waste disposition, and other Department mission requirements are addressed. The proposed budget also prioritizes reduction of "base" operating costs at the East Tennessee Technology Park. Over time, this will allow resources to focus more on actual cleanup progress.

Consistent with past practice, a copy of your recommendation has been provided directly to the Department's headquarters organization responsible for final assemblage of the President's budget submittal for FY 2012. Your extensive efforts to provide input on the local component of this budget development activity are greatly appreciated.

If you have questions or if we can be of any further assistance, please contact me at 576-0742, Pat Halsey at 576-4025 or Dave Adler at 576-4094.

Sincerely,

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

John R. Eschenberg  
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cc:

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