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Mr. Ron Murphree, Chair
Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board
P.O. Box 2001, EM-91
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Dear Mr. Murphree:

Thank you for the June 9, 2011, letter transmitting the Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board (ORSSAB) Recommendation #198. That recommendation concerns the site transition process following completion of cleanup activities by the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Environmental Management (EM). Specifically, the ORSSAB asks EM to develop a fact sheet explaining the post-cleanup process by which land and management responsibilities are transferred to other program offices within DOE. We fully accept this recommendation and have initiated efforts to draft a fact sheet that provides, as you suggested, content similar to the Legacy Management Site Transition Process upon Cleanup Completion Fact Sheet. We know that there are many questions about transfers to landlords other than Legacy Management, and we commend you on pursuing answers to those questions as a local board of the EM Site Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB).

Once the fact sheet is drafted it will be circulated for input by stakeholder groups, including your own. We anticipate this draft will be ready for review in fall, 2011.

Thank you for your ongoing engagement with the EM SSAB. Your efforts and those of your board members are highly valued and greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Ms. Melissa A. Nielson, Director, Office of Public and Intergovernmental Accountability, at (202) 586-0356, or Ms. Cate Alexander Brennan, EM SSAB Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 586-7711.

Sincerely,

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

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