



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. David Martin, Chair
Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board
P.O. Box 2001
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831

Dear Mr. Martin:

Thank you for your February 27, 2013, letter recommending that the Department of Energy place more emphasis and priority on evaluating technologies that could make recycling excess materials cost effective.

Recycling excess materials within the restrictions identified in the 2000 Secretarial Moratorium has always been one of our priorities during site cleanup activities. We agree with you that decontamination and resale of these materials could have many positive impacts. We also agree that adding a recycling and repurposing element to future requests for proposals to incentivize contractors is a fine concept to be considered when sites draft their scopes of work for future cleanup contracts. We will consider your recommendation to identify and establish a national recycling center of excellence as we continue to analyze how best to move forward on recycling eligible materials.

I appreciate your continued support and take your input very seriously. Please continue to work with your site point-of-contact to offer thoughts and recommendations on the Office of Environmental Management's cleanup activities.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Ms. Catherine Alexander, Office of Intergovernmental and Community Activities, at (202) 586-7711.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Huizenga".

David Huizenga
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