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Mr. Luther Gibson, Chair  
Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board  
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Dear Mr. Gibson:

**ACCELERATED DISPOSITION OF LEGACY LOW-LEVEL WASTE AT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S OAK RIDGE RESERVATION**

Thank you for your recent letter which outlines recommendations regarding the accelerated disposition of low-level waste (LLW) from the Oak Ridge Reservation. This activity is part of the Oak Ridge Comprehensive Closure Plan initially generated by the Department of Energy (DOE) Oak Ridge in response to the DOE Top-to-Bottom Review. Disposition of accumulated legacy LLW is integral to the cleanup strategy for the East Tennessee Technology Park and Melton Valley, and is important to ensure the success of these projects. We are continuing to work with the Environmental Protection Agency and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation to reach agreement on the disposition strategy for this waste, including disposing of some legacy LLW as under the provisions of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act in the on-site Environmental Management Waste Management Facility. We are also continuing to evaluate the most cost effective means for off-site disposition of the waste.

We will strive to keep the Board aware of any decisions being made, and will be available to brief the Waste Management committee or the entire Site Specific Advisory Board, whenever we determine it to be appropriate or the Board deems it timely during the development and implementation of this project.

If you have any questions, please contact Pat Halsey of my staff at 576-4025.

Sincerely,

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