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Ms. Belinda Price, Chair
Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board
Post Office Box 2001
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831

Dear Ms. Price:

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS ON BIOLOGY COMPLEX FACILITIES AT THE Y-12 NATIONAL SECURITY COMPLEX

Reference: Letter from Belinda Price to Jay Mullis, *Recommendation 234: Recommendations on Biology Complex Facilities at the Y-12 National Security Complex*, dated May 12, 2017

I would like to express my appreciation for the interest the Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board has taken in the reduction of risks associated with the Biology Complex at the Y-12 National Security Complex.

The demolition of the Biology Complex is a priority for the U.S. Department of Energy as funds become available. The characterization of the buildings has been completed, and an approved Waste Handling Plan is in place to support disposition of waste generated during pre-demolition activities and demolition. A significant amount of the waste is suitable for disposal at the Oak Ridge Reservation Sanitary Landfill V.

Additional Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 excess facilities funding supports awarding a contract for the demolition of two of the seven Biology Complex facilities. Additionally, there appears to be support from Congress based on the FY 2018 House of Representatives and Senate budget mark-ups for beginning the pre-demolition activities for the remaining larger buildings in FY 2018. The pre-demolition activities include asbestos abatement, universal waste removal, and necessary actions to prepare for demolition. Any and all necessary measures to ensure worker safety will be a priority as this work is undertaken.

If you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Melyssa Noe at 241-3315 or me at 576-0742.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "John A. Mullis II", is written over the typed name and title.

John A. Mullis II
Acting Manager

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