



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Ms. Shell Lohmann
Chair
Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board
P.O. Box 2001
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831

Dear Ms. Lohmann:

Thank you for your February 28 letter regarding the Environmental Management (EM) Site-Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) Chairs' recommendation regarding the disposition of nuclear materials.

EM is committed to the safe and efficient cleanup of U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) EM sites, and to the safe management, transport and disposal of all waste types and DOE-owned spent nuclear fuel. We appreciate EM SSAB's recognition of DOE efforts to execute safe and compliant disposition of transuranic waste.

The operation of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant offers valuable waste transportation and disposal lessons learned, that can be applied to other work throughout the DOE complex. DOE-EM agrees that continued success includes safe and compliant waste cleanup, characterization, transportation, and disposition, including compliance with waste acceptance criteria carefully developed for commercial and DOE-site storage, treatment and disposal facilities.

EM works with input from EM SSABs to develop a fully supportable budget request each year. This funding request allows EM to continue to clean up the legacy of nuclear weapons production and government-sponsored nuclear energy research and maintain momentum in the environmental remediation effort. We remain committed to working with EM SSAB, regulators, and other stakeholders to identify clean-up priorities at the various sites.

Thank you for your recommendation and continued support of our important environmental cleanup mission.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. David Borak, EM SSAB Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 586-9928.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wm White", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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