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Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board

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Dear Ms. Cange:

Recommendation 225: Recommendation on DOE Oak Ridge GIS Fact Sheets

On May 21, 2014, Pat Halsey, Department of Energy (DOE), gave the Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board (ORSSAB) Environmental Management & Stewardship Committee a presentation and demonstration on the Oak Ridge Environmental Management Geographic Information System (GIS). This is a new online information resource for the public, available at <https://emgis.oro.doe.gov/>.

Website visitors can access maps of the Oak Ridge Site and obtain information about specific sites and areas, including their contamination/cleanup status. For each "Decision Area" (i.e., an area that has been the subject of a Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act Record of Decision), there is a fact sheet for the public that provides a concise answer to the question "Is it safe?" followed by short summaries of the site history, Record of Decision (ROD), remedial measures, and current status. The fact sheets also provide links to relevant documents, such as other RODs and the Remediation Effectiveness Report.

ORSSAB believes that this website is a valuable tool for public information and education. ORSSAB congratulates the DOE staff on its development.

ORSSAB notes that not all fact sheets describe future decisions and actions. To more fully inform the public, ORSSAB recommends that all fact sheets identify future actions expected or planned. In particular, fact sheets for units with interim action RODs should indicate that additional evaluations will be done in the future before final decisions are made.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,

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