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March 29, 2010

Mr. Ron Murphree, Chairman
Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board
Post Office Box 2001
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830

Dear Mr. Murphree:

**RESPONSE TO THE OAK RIDGE SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD
RECOMMENDATION ON THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR THE REMOVAL OF
HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM IN MITCHELL BRANCH AT EAST TENNESSEE
TECHNOLOGY PARK**

Thank you for your January 14, 2010, letter transmitting the board's recommendation on the preferred alternative for the removal of hexavalent chromium in Mitchell Branch. The board's recommendation was in support of the Department's preferred alternative. The Action Memorandum reflecting this selected alternative was transmitted for regulatory review, as required by the Federal Facility Agreement, on March 11, 2010. The responses to all received public comments are included in the Action Memorandum. Final approval of the Action Memorandum is anticipated by the end of April 2010.

If you have questions or if we can be of any further assistance, please contact me at 576-0742, James D. Kopotic at 576-9441, or Dave Adler at 576-4094.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Eschenberg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "E".

John R. Eschenberg
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Environmental Management

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