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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION**

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Mr. Roger Petrie
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U.S. Department of Energy
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Comments: Remedial Design Report/Remedial Action Work Plan for the Environmental Management Disposal Facility, Oak Ridge, Tennessee: Early Site Preparation Activities (DOE/OR/01-2934&D2)

Dear Mr. Petrie

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), Division of Remediation - Oak Ridge Office, received the subject work plan on April 12, 2023. TDEC approves this revised document and supports execution of the initial stages of site development it describes.

Expedited approval of this work plan is possible because the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) proactively resolved regulatory concerns communicated in [TDEC's comments](#) on the [draft document](#). Specifically, DOE prioritized the timely management of potential maternity roosts for threatened and endangered bats, avoiding the potential for detrimental ecological impacts.

While TDEC's most significant concerns are resolved, TDEC will discuss a few minor unresolved issues with DOE and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) partners during a future project team meeting. TDEC looks forward to completion of site preparation activities in a manner that protects human health and the environment.

Questions or comments concerning this letter should be directed to Brad Stephenson at the above address, by email at brad.stephenson@tn.gov, or by phone at (865) 352-1235 (*new*).

Sincerely

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