



Department of Energy

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

Dear Mr. Murphree:

**RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION 199: RECOMMENDATION TO REMOVE
UNCONTAMINATED AREAS OF THE OAK RIDGE RESERVATION FROM THE NATIONAL
PRIORITIES LIST**

Thank you for your recommendation concerning the ongoing effort to refine the National Priorities List (NPL) designation for the Oak Ridge Reservation. I agree that successful completion of this effort will help reduce invalid perceptions on the magnitude of contamination present on the Oak Ridge Reservation.

Consistent with your recommendation, the Department has initiated activities to delineate areas of the reservation that have no history of industrial activity or evidence of contaminated environmental media. This effort will utilize sampling of groundwater seeps and information from soil characterization activities previously conducted by the State of Tennessee. Implementation of this project is being coordinated with the State of Tennessee and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and should be completed by September of 2012. Results from this activity will be captured in a Geographic Information System (GIS) that will facilitate future land use planning and environmental management activities on the Oak Ridge Reservation. After coordination with the State and EPA, these results will also be used to refine the geographic boundaries of the NPL Site addressed in the Oak Ridge Reservation Federal Facility Agreement.

Please feel free to contact me at 576-4094, if you have any further questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Adler", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

David G. Adler
Alternate Deputy
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