

Department of Energy

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Mr. David Martin, Chair Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board P.O. Box 2001 Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831

Dear Mr. Martin:

Thank you for your February 27, 2013, letter recognizing the Department of Energy's (DOE) considerable success in disposing of transuranic waste (TRU) and your interest in expansion of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) mission. We are proud of having safely and effectively disposed of more than 85,000 cubic meters of TRU at WIPP since 1999.

DOE is committed to continue a strong stakeholder dialogue about these issues as we evaluate all the options for the treatment, transportation, storage and disposal of the Department's legacy waste. The Board's involvement in the review of options is of high importance and we will continue to share information about these efforts.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Ms. Catherine Alexander, Office of Intergovernmental and Community Activities, at (202) 586-7711.

Sincerely,

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