

## **Department of Energy**

Washington, DC 20585

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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 offering your continued support for the Office of Environmental Management's (EM) program and your interest in EM's ability to invest in robust technology research and development activities.

As your letter notes, the EM program has benefitted from past and existing technology development investments and needs to fund future efforts to continue progress. We agree with your recommendation and have already taken steps to increase the funding for Technology Development activities.

We believe that investments in technology not only enable EM to enhance and improve existing abilities, but they support innovative solutions to complete our mission. We appreciate your continued strong support and valuable input.

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

Sincerely

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