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**RE: City of Oak Ridge Letter Regarding Federal Facility Agreement Milestone Modification Request for the Proposed Environmental Management Disposal Facility Record of Decision**

Gentlemen:

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) is in receipt of the above referenced letter (dated April 2, 2019) and welcomes this opportunity to respond. Representatives of the parties to the Oak Ridge Reservation Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) continue working to finalize a decision on the Department of Energy's (DOE) proposed Environmental Management Disposal Facility (EMDF).

The Proposed Plan (Plan) for the EMDF was released for public review and comment in September 2018. The "State Acceptance" section of the Plan included the State's key concerns. Numerous public comments were transmitted to the Department of Energy during the public comment period. The City of Oak Ridge's questions listed in the referenced letter regarding environmental protectiveness are similar to the TDEC concerns identified in the EMDF Plan. TDEC expects all its concerns to be resolved prior to agreement on a Record of Decision.

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As the City's letter discusses, DOE has requested and received approval to extend the FFA milestone for submittal of the D1 Record of Decision (ROD) to May 7, 2019. In accordance with the FFA, milestones cannot be unilaterally extended without tri-party approval. However, TDEC is receptive to additional, necessary requests by DOE to extend the date of the D1 ROD submittal to allow sufficient time to provide more information for stakeholder input. TDEC has also recommended that DOE host another public review period before the ROD for stakeholder review and input regarding the new information.

Questions or comments concerning the contents of this letter should be directed to Colby Morgan at (865) 220-6576.

Sincerely



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