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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. John Michael Japp
Federal Facility Agreement Manager
Oak Ridge Office for Environmental Management
Department of Energy
P.O. Box 2001
Oak Ridge, TN 37831

Dear Mr. Japp:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received the following Federal Facility Agreement Secondary Documents:

1. Transmittal of the *Site Preparation Plan for the proposed Environmental Management Disposal Facility for Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act Oak Ridge Reservation Waste Disposal, Oak Ridge, Tennessee* (DOE/OR/01-2805&D1). Received January 7, 2019.
2. Transmittal of the *Phase 3 Field Sampling Plan for the proposed Environmental Management Disposal Facility for Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act Oak Ridge Reservation Waste Disposal, Oak Ridge, Tennessee* (DOE/OR/01-2808&D1). Received January 17, 2019.
3. Transmittal of the *Phase 3 (Borrow Areas) Characterization Report for the Environmental Management Disposal Facility, Oak Ridge, Tennessee* (DOE/OR/01-2832&D1). Received October 3, 2019.

The recently submitted "Phase 3 (Borrow Area) Characterization Report" states:

"The *Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study for the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act Oak Ridge Reservation Waste Disposal, Oak Ridge, Tennessee* (DOE 2017) evaluated several alternatives and waste disposal locations. The CBCV [Central Bear Creek Valley] Site, also known as Site 7c, was chosen as the preferred location for the proposed EMDF." (Brackets added, Page 1)

The activities presented in these documents remain pre-decisional despite DOE's selection of Site 7c for the location of the proposed Environmental Management Disposal Facility. There currently is no underlying Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)/Federal Facility Agreement Record of Decision that authorizes a landfill construction project. These documents will be reviewed, and comments provided following EPA Administrator approval of a final decision document for this project.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter or need any additional information, then please contact me at (404) 562-8550, and electronically at froede.carl@epa.gov.

Sincerely,



Carl R. Froede Jr.
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Brad Stephenson

Subject: EMDF Phase 3 Borrow Area Report

Importance: High

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Sent: Friday, October 18, 2019 7:48 AM

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Good morning everyone:

My letter should go out by snail mail later today.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Carl
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