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**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION**  
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Mr. Brian Henry  
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Oak Ridge Office of Environmental Management  
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Dear Mr. Henry

**Treatment of Mercury-Bearing Mixed Waste, Treatment Technologies and Timeline, Oak Ridge, Tennessee**

In the letter dated October 20, 2020, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC)'s divisions of Remediation and Solid Waste Management had exercised their authority to extend the review time of the subject matter document by 30 days, i.e., until November 22, 2020. In the same letter, we had also mentioned that should an additional extension beyond November 22, 2020 be required, we would notify the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) at the earliest.

A substantial quantity of mercury-bearing mixed-waste is expected to be generated on the Oak Ridge Reservation. As such, this is one of the high priority topics for discussions and considerations within TDEC. So, additional internal deliberations and due diligence are required to formulate a comprehensive response. To accomplish this, it is necessary to further extend the time to review the subject matter document by 60 days, i.e., until January 22, 2021. With the holiday season approaching and an anticipated shortage of staff due to personnel on leave, we believe this request to be prudent and appropriate.

Therefore, as per section 2.8.5.1 of the Site Treatment Plan for Mixed Waste on the DOE Oak Ridge Reservation, we are submitting this request for DOE's consent.

TDEC values the longstanding spirit of cooperation with DOE on STP. Thank you, in advance, for your understanding. If we can be of assistance on this or a related matter, please do not hesitate to contact either Revendra Awasthi at [Revendra.Awasthi@tn.gov](mailto:Revendra.Awasthi@tn.gov) 865-594-5468; or Ashwin Brahmhatt at [Ashwin.brahmbhatt@tn.gov](mailto:Ashwin.brahmbhatt@tn.gov) 865-220-6560.

Sincerely

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