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Mr. Roger B. Petrie
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Dear Mr. Petrie:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has completed review of the *RDWP/RAWP for the Groundwater Field Demonstration at the Environmental Management Disposal Facility, Oak Ridge, Tennessee* (DOE/OR/01-2948&D2) transmitted electronically on October 12, 2023.

The Remedial Design Work Plan/Remedial Action Plan (RDWP/RAWP) was prepared to present the plan for the groundwater field demonstration (GWFD) as described in the Environmental Management Disposal Facility (EMDF) Record of Decision (ROD). The RDWP/RAWP describes the GWFD design and implementation approach. The GWFD is not part of the remedy, but will inform the final landfill design for the EMDF. The GWFD is designed to approximate the elimination of recharge to groundwater from construction of the EMDF landfill in the knoll area. The significant elements of the GWFD are specified in the EMDF ROD.

The GWFD activities are believed to occur in uncontaminated areas; therefore, all waste generated is expected to be safely disposed at the appropriate Oak Ridge Reservation Landfills. The DOE is reminded that disposal of any CERCLA-derived hazardous waste that might be discovered during these GWFD activities must be preceded by approval from the EPA through a Waste Handling Plan. **The EPA approves the above referenced document (DOE/OR/01-2948&D2).**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter or require additional information, then please contact me at (943) 212-7256, or electronically at sayer.john@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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