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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Mr Roger B. Petrie  
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U.S. Department of Energy  
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Dear Mr. Petrie:

Pursuant to Section XXI.G.2, of the Federal Facility Agreement for the Oak Ridge Reservation (FFA), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is hereby providing notice that it is exercising its option for a 30-day extension to the comment period on the document, *Record of Decision for Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act Oak Ridge Reservation Waste Disposal at the Environmental Management Disposal Facility, Oak Ridge, Tennessee* (DOE/OR/01-2794&D1). The Department of Energy (DOE) transmitted the document electronically on July 12, 2021 and was received by the EPA that same date, resulting in the closure of the comment period on September 10, 2021.

The D1 ROD for the Environmental Management Disposal Facility (EMDF) is a large and complex project document, with the review made more extensive because predecessor documents, including the *Focused Feasibility Study for Water Management for the Disposal of CERCLA Waste on the Oak Ridge Reservation, Oak Ridge, Tennessee* (DOE/OR/01-2664&D3), is not yet final and approved by the regulators. As a result, there are significant information gaps (e.g., no approved Preliminary Remediation Goals, no remedial goals in the ROD) that EPA's comments are intended to address. Language on the waste acceptance criteria is still being developed by the project team, which will be included in the revised ROD. In addition, because the cost of the EMDF project and signature of the ROD has not been delegated below the Administrator, coordination of ROD reviews is required with various EPA Headquarters offices prior to transmitting to the DOE.

The extension will result in the following changes to the review timeline:

*Current EPA D1 EMDF ROD review protocol: July 12, 2021 to September 10, 2021  
(60 days)*

*Additional EPA D1 EMDF ROD review protocol: From September 10, 2021 to October 11, 2021  
(30 days)*

*Total EPA review period requested to submit comments: July 12, 2021 to October 11, 2021  
(90 days)*

Although a total of 90 days is hereby established for review of the D1 ROD, the EPA hopes to submit the review comments prior to the end of the requested extension period.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (404) 562-8551 or at: [Jones.Constance@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Constance@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

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