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Via U.S Mail and E-Mail (John.Shewairy@science.doe.gov)

John C. Shewairy U.S. Department of Energy Manager, Oak Ridge Reservation ORNL Building 4500N, Rm. 219 Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830

Re: Proposed Motorsports Park and Amphitheater in Oak Ridge

Dear Mr. Shewairy:

I represent a local organization known as Oak Ridgers for Responsible Development. The organization's web address is OR4RD.org. As the name implies, and as explicitly stated at the website, the organization advocates for Oak Ridge residents by evaluating development proposals to determine whether the proposals meet worthy goals of creating high-paying, high-quality employment; protecting natural resources; aligning with the city's blueprint; and positively impacting and enhancing the quality of life in our wonderful community.

OR4RD is extremely concerned about a proposed Motorsports Park and Amphitheater ("the motorsports park") within city boundaries. The concerns include the following:

- The proposed motorsports park would not be consistent with Oak Ridge's City Blueprint.
- The proposed motorsports park would be inconsistent with Horizon Center's intended use as a research and light-industrial park.
- The motorsports park will undoubtedly harm the adjacent Black Oak Ridge Conservation Easement, which the Department of Energy still owns. Oak Ridge citizens have always had an important stake in protecting BORCE, as it was created, and in its current recreational use.

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This letter is also a request under the Freedom of Information Act for the following documents and information concerning any documents and records, in whatever form, regarding the proposed motorsports park, including, without limitation, the following:

- 1. Any applications or other documents requesting, or in any way discussing, possible Department of Energy modifications to the restrictive covenants contained in the deed for Horizon Center that might accommodate or facilitate the proposed motorsports park.
- 2. The identity of any persons or other entities who have participated in any such requests or other communications.
- 3. The identity of any persons to whom those requests and other communications were made.
- 4. The identification of the person or persons at Department of Energy who have authority to make any such changes.
- 5. All records concerning any discussions concerning any such modifications of the restrictive covenants.
 - 6. The position of Department of Energy regarding the proposal for the motorsports park.

Oak Ridgers for Responsible Development also requests an in-person meeting with you and other appropriate Department of Energy officials to discuss this very important matter.

Thank you for your cooperation, and I look forward to your response.

Yours truly

Joe R. Judkins

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