

Gen Bill 8/18/08

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Re: Summary of Recent Oak Ridge Reservation Land Use Planning

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you and your staff on July 31, 2008 to discuss DOE's land use planning on the Oak Ridge Reservation. The open exchange should prove valuable in initiating dialogue with the regional environmental community and your programmatic and land use planning staff. The take-away points from the meeting that we have presented to our respective organizations were:

- o DOE acknowledges the past Focus Group's land use planning recommendations for the Northwest section of the Reservation, the only area that DOE has designated as being available for consideration of land transfers for industrial development.

- o DOE has no plans over the next 15-20 years for transfer of property outside that area for non-DOE mission activities, particularly for the Three Bends Area.

- o Because no additional land transfers are proposed or expected, DOE Oak Ridge believes no site-wide EIS is required or necessary. However, should any transfers or expanded DOE missions be considered, DOE commits to conducting a comprehensive community-involved land use planning process on a schedule that would allow sufficient time for broad public participation.

- o DOE acknowledges the concerns by the environmental community over their current NEPA process, especially related to use of EA's and segmentation concerns. DOE offered to host a NEPA workshop this fall to describe their NEPA approach and work on the issues raised.

Based on these comments and commitments, we remain concerned over segmentation issues associated with ED-3, ED-1 (particularly Area 4 and the rumored change from an Industrial Park to residential/commercial use) and future land use proposals for the Oak Ridge Reservation. We look forward to interaction with the DOE staff at the NEPA workshop to discuss comprehensive, site-wide land use planning issues.

We appreciated your open dialogue concerning land use planning for the ORR and look forward to more regular interaction over the coming years, beginning with the upcoming NEPA workshop. We want to establish a win-win relationship between the environmental community and DOE to ensure the most appropriate use of the valuable Reservation land resource, and timely response to exciting new DOE mission opportunities.

Sincerely,

AFORR and TCWP (signatures representing the environmental community?)

Same cc list as on last letter to close the loop.