

Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. John Devereux Joslin, Jr. President Advocates for the Oak Ridge Reservation 112 Newcrest Lane Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830

Dear Mr. Joslin:

This is in response to your letter of November 11, 2000 to former Secretary Richardson concerning the proposed leasing of Parcel ED-3 located on the Oak Ridge Reservation (ORR). The Oak Ridge Operations Office (OR) is planning to hold a series of stakeholder meetings and workshops to determine what the key issues are related to ORR land use and what can be done to address these concerns. The initial meeting is currently scheduled to occur in the February 2001 timeframe. In the meantime, we do not anticipate taking any significant actions regarding Parcel ED-3.

The planned meetings and workshops are the result of a meeting that took place at OR on July 5, 2000, at which you were a key participant. We anticipate that these stakeholder meetings/workshops will provide your organization the opportunity to not only express your concerns related to this particular issue, but to express any other concerns that you may have related to land usage.

Formal notification of the stakeholder meeting should occur after the first of the year. However, if you have any questions in the interim please contact Leah Dever, Manager, Oak Ridge Operations Office, at (865) 576-4444.

Sincerely,

James F. Decker Acting Director Office of Science

cc: Leah Dever, OR