Weekly Report
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Hot Issues:

- **Oak Ridge Reservation (DOE), Wastewater Management Dispute**: Administrator Wheeler issued the dispute decision on 12/31/2021.

- **Oak Ridge Reservation (DOE), mercury disposal and discharge to Bear Creek:** The TDEC Deputy Commissioner requested the R4 RA's support of the TDEC proposal for mercury discharge to Bear Creek. Bear Creek is impaired for mercury. The TDEC proposal counters an earlier DOE proposal that does not adequately adhere to federal and state water regulations. TDEC is seeking EPA support before advancing its proposal to DOE. A discussion in planned between TDEC deputy commission and SEMD Division Director for this week.

- **Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (DOE):** The EPA/KYDEP/DOE project team recommends discussing a proposed modification to the remedy for SWMU 211A with the Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC). The DRC is division director, or designee, level managers. SEMD Director will be briefed on the matter on 01/07/2021, followed by discussion with KDEP and DOE on January 12.

Next Week's Goals:

- **Oak Ridge Reservation (DOE):** begin planning for implementation of the dispute decision.
- **Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (DOE):** DRC discussion.

Contact with Key External Stakeholders:

- **Oak Ridge Reservation (DOE):** The EPA/TDEC/DOE Emerging Issues Team (EIT) met on 12/18/2020. The next meeting will be 1/7/2021.
- **Oak Ridge Reservation (DOE):** SEMD DD will participate in a senior leadership meeting with TDEC and DOE on January 13, 2021 to discuss the path forward on the mercury discharge to Bear Creek matter.