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. Assistant Administrator of OLEM, Peter Wright, sent a follow up letter to DOE and TDEC on 01/19/2021, including a table of the Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements that identifies the federal and state regulations to be added to the waste water Focused Feasibility Study.

- **Oak Ridge Reservation (DOE), mercury disposal and discharge to Bear Creek:** The TDEC Deputy Commissioner requested the R4 RA's support for TDEC's proposal for mercury discharge to Bear Creek. The Senior Leadership Team (EPA/TDEC/DOE) discussed on January 13, and referred to the Emerging Issues Team (EIT) for follow-up.

- **Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (DOE):** DOE proposed a new strategy for the 211-A remedy to the Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC), including SEMD Director and Deputy. EPA will confer with KDEP on the proposal and reconvene with DOE on 1/28/21.

Next Week's Goals:

- **Oak Ridge Reservation (DOE):** begin planning for implementation of the dispute decision.

Contact with Key External Stakeholders:

- **Oak Ridge Reservation (DOE):** The EPA/TDEC/DOE Emerging Issues Team (EIT) met on 1/15/2021. The next meeting will be 1/29/2021. Implementation of the Administrator's decision on waste water discharge, additional public involvement for the EMDF, and the mercury proposal continued to be discussed.