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Sent: Thur 9/16/2021 4:44:20 PM (UTC)
Subject: ORR Press inquiry, draft responses for review.

Amoroso, Cathy has shared a OneDrive for Business file with you. To view it, click the link below.

ORR press inquiry 9 13 2021.docx

Hello,
Attached are our draft responses to the press inquiry. Given the time constraints, please make any edits directly to the shared version so that we can all see the comments/edits. Please let me now if you have any problem accessing the share document or if you would like to discuss. Final product due to Jason noon tomorrow (Friday).

Thank you,

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Subject: RE: Press inquiry - Update

We (Cathy and our RPMs) are drafting responses and we will share the draft with you later today or tomorrow.
Thanks,
Glenn

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Subject: FW: Press inquiry - Update

Good Afternoon,

Glenn Adams and Cathy Amoroso will be providing information from the program for the media inquiry response to the Knoxville Sentinel.

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Subject: RE: Press inquiry

Jason, please coordinate directly with Glenn Adams and Cathy Amoroso regarding the Oak Ridge ROD press inquiries.

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Subject: FW: Press inquiry
Importance: High

Good Morning,

EPA Region 4 received an inquiry from a newspaper in Knoxville, Tennessee regarding the Oak Ridge Reserve (questions below). The outlet is a member of the USA Today Network. All stories generated by member outlets are reviewed for selection in the national paper/website. Gary Gervais, OLEM/FFRRO has requested that he be kept in the loop to review and provide input on the response. The deadline for the response is 12 noon on Friday, September 17, 2021.

I will be available to assist with the response every day this week except for Thursday afternoon.

Thank you,

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----------EMAIL Below----------
Could EPA please answer the following:

1. Has an extension been granted for the review of the ROD for the EMDF on the Oak Ridge Reserve?
2. Please explain what information gaps exist that would need to be filled in order to finalize the ROD from the EPA's standpoint.

    a. Did you get all the needed information to meet the deadline?
    b. If not, what remedies exist for you to get this information and reach a decision?

3. What remediation goals and waste acceptance criteria exist?
4. What is the reason for the DOE's issuance of a draft ROD without remediation goals and waste acceptance criteria
5. What is the reason for issuing an ROD before the feasibility study is complete

6. In the ROD the DOE repeatedly cites an open public comment period for community involvement. That period appears to have been open before the ROD, waste acceptance criteria or final feasibility study were complete. What's the point of doing that before those things are complete?
7. Is the EPA administrator reconsidering the Wheeler decision on applicable water quality rules to the EMWF/Oak Ridge reserve? If so, when can we expect to hear from the administrator?
8. This process has been ongoing since 2012 or earlier. Is it typical for a CERCLA process to take this long? Is it typical for CERCLA to include an on-site landfill?

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