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Subject: FW: INQUIRY - The Oak Ridger
Attachments: Oak Ridge response to press inquiry.docx

Importance: High

FYI, attached are the responses Cathy and Carl put together for the reporter. I think the responses adequately answer the questions. Let Cathy and I know if you have any concerns.
Glenn

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Here are the initial draft responses. Let me know if you have edits. I'll finalize tomorrow.
Thank you!
Cathy

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This inquiry goes to SEMD.

Adding Cathy and Glenn.

Brandi

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Meredith,

I'm guessing the following inquiry would fall under your program. If not, please let me know.

Thanks,

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The Oak Ridger (TN) (Ben Pounds) [Received 1/6/2022] – OPEN – the reporter requested the status of the approvals involved with the Environmental Management Waste Disposal Facility on Oak Ridge. Specifically, he has heard some comments from environmental groups both local to Oak Ridge and statewide and would like to have some clarification from TDEC and EPA on several of them. **DDL 1/7/2022.**

1. How many steps are necessary before work can begin on the landfill's construction?
2. Will there be any more public comment periods? If so, when?
3. How have the previous public comment periods gone? Are those comments available anywhere?
4. What is your current feeling with regard to concerns about pollution of waterways, which has been brought up by several environmental groups? Do you believe given the information you currently have that such concerns might be warranted? What measures might be taken to address these issues?
5. One specific concern that has been cited is radionuclide pollution limits. Will there be any such specific limits and if so what will they be?
6. Environmental groups have brought up the Radionuclide Pollution Decision under Executive Order 13990. One letter from such groups which The Oak Ridge has recieved,
7. "EPA repeatedly references the Radionuclide Pollution Decision as the framework that applies to the establishment of radionuclide wastewater limits at the EMDF and does not expressly address whether DOE will be required to comply with technology-based effluent limits (TBELs) or the State of Tennessee's antidegradation policy. Because EPA directs DOE to provide a revised focused feasibility study and record of decision that address EPA's comments, it is difficult for Community Groups not to infer that EPA has adopted the Radionuclide Pollution Decision as it stands. This inference is further supported by recent correspondence from DOE which indicates, without reference to any ongoing review by EPA of the Radionuclide Pollution Decision, that DOE will address comments on the wastewater focused feasibility study "30 calendar days following the date the radiological discharge limits are agreed upon by the three parties." How would you respond to these concerns? How would you explain this executive order in laypeople's terms?

Are there any other concerns you would like to address that you've heard from citizens?
Are there any other issues you'd like to address?
Anything else you'd like to say at this point?

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