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Hello Everyone,

Just a friendly reminder that comments are due by COB Aug. 2. After compiling staff comments, please make sure that your management is in agreement with them. If you have any issues entering comments into the spreadsheet, please let me know.

Thanks,
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Hello Everyone,

I hope you all are doing well. I am recently back from a detail with HHS and looking forward to working with the group on review of the draft ROD for ORR EMDF. In order to facilitate consolidation of comments, I would like to ask that each office enter your comments into the spreadsheet at HQ Comments Draft ORR Waste Disposal ROD .xlsx. Anyone with in EPA with the link can access the file. Below is a preview of the table format as well as the instructions included on the first tab of the spreadsheet.

Reminders

- Comments are due by Aug. 2 (two weeks from today, July 19) (HQ Comments Draft ORR Waste Disposal ROD .xlsx)
- Please provide a designated POC for your office at your earliest convenience.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	Comment	HQ Office	Document Section	Page #	Citation	Specific Comment	Comment Resolution	Provide to Region 4?
2	1							
3	2							
4	3							
5	4							
6	5							
7	6							
8	7							

HQ COMMENTS ON DRAFT ORR WASTE DISPOSAL ROD

You have been given access to this document in order to compile your offices comments on the Draft Oak Ridge Waste Disposal ROD. Instructions on how to add your comments are provided below.

1. List your program office in Column B (FFRRO, OSRTI, OGC, ORCR, FFEO, etc).

2. Fill out Columns C and D to identify the ROD section and pdf page number. This will ensure DOE can find exactly where comments are being made in the document.

3. Fill out Column E with the citation of the text to which your comment pertains. It may be easiest to copy/paste from the document.

4. Provide a concise comment in Column D. Please resist the urge to address editorial comment and focus on policy level issues.

5. Column F and G will be used for HQ comment resolution.

Schedule

ASAP: Identify POC for each Office

Due August 2: Comments due from each office to FFRRO **Note that comments should have management clearance prior to submission to FFRRO.

Aug. 2-Aug. 19: Resolve HQ comments.

Aug. 20: FFRRO will send final HQ comments to Region 4 SEMD, COB.

(Contact POC Emy Laija for questions or for help entering your comments in the online spreadsheet).

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OSRTI	
FFEO	
OGC	

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Importance: High

Hi all! D1 ROD was provided by DOE to Region 4 earlier today (attached). Please share it with your office's reviewers, noting the info below on the format, deadline and request for management clearance from your office prior to submission to FFRRO. Please also let me know who will be your designated POC for this review. Thanks!

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Hi All! As you know, the selected remedy in the EMDF Record of Decision will exceed $50M and require the Administrator's signature. While FFRRO does not review all Federal Facilities decision documents, we do review all >$50M RODs to ensure we can support the OLEM IO as they work with the Administrator for his involvement in remedy selection. Given the complexities of this waste disposal remedy selection and the implications of the FFA dispute, **FFRRO requests OSRTI, FFEO and OGC also review the draft ROD in this HQ review**. The **draft ROD is expected from DOE on Monday, July 12.** The dates that follow are based on that date for receipt of the draft ROD.

Based on the ORR federal facility agreement (FFA), the Region and the State of Tennessee have 60 calendar days (on or before Sunday, September 12) to provide comments to the Department of Energy (DOE) on the draft ROD. Region 4 SEMD indicated it intends to meet that 60 day timeline and has requested that HQ submit our consolidated comments to them within 40 calendar days from receipt of the draft document (no later than Friday, August 20). FFRRO as the Federal Facility National Program Office will coordinate and consolidate all HQ comments.

I request that **your office submit its comments to FFRRO by COB Monday, August 2 (3-week review)** so there is time for FFRRO to consolidate comments, spot conflicting or challenging comments, and for our offices to work together to reconcile a final set of HQ comments with our joint OD's clearance by August 20. Given this timeline, it is important that HQ review focus on whether the draft ROD is consistent with Superfund guidance and that the ROD incorporates the Administrator Wheeler dispute decision. We recognize we may receive specific direction from Administrator Regan on potential clarifications or other actions associated with review of the Wheeler decision, and we will need to work with you and the Region to reflect that in EPA's comments.

FFRRO will send final HQ comments to Region 4 SEMD by COB Friday, August 20. This will give the Region at least 20 calendar days to review the HQ comments and work with us to address any outstanding issues so it can send a consolidated set of EPA comments to DOE.

I am asking you to **identify a point of contact (POC) from your office** who will be responsible to review and submit your office's comments to the **FFRRO POC, Emy Laija,** FFRRO's Region 4 Coordinator. Emy will contact your POC and will address any questions they may have about the review process. I also ask **that each office's comments get cleared by its Office Director or a manager you designate**. The format for the comments should be in a table that will include the comment number, the section, page number and citation. Attached is the strategy for HQ review that includes a schedule for this review.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!

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