Board Mission & Accomplishments



Mission

- The Board's mission is to provide informed advice and recommendations concerning site-specific issues related to the DOE EM program.
- To provide unbiased evaluation and recommendations on DOE's cleanup efforts related to the Oak Ridge site, the Board seeks opportunities for input through collaborative dialogue with the communities surrounding the Oak Ridge Reservation, governmental regulators, and other stakeholders.



How a Recommendation Comes to Life

- Presentations on Work Plan topics are provided by DOE at the monthly Board Meetings.
- Field Trips are scheduled (if appropriate) so members can get a more in-depth, first-hand view of the specific Work Plan topic.
- Additional discussion on the Work Plan topic occurs at the monthly EM/Stewardship Meeting, and a decision is made on whether to make a recommendation.



How a Recommendation Comes to Life

- The Issue Manager and team members prepare the recommendation for discussion and approval by the EM/Stewardship Committee.
- The EM/Stewardship Committee Chair presents the recommendation for discussion and approval by the Executive Committee.
- The recommendation is presented at a board meeting for discussion, where it is approved or sent back to the EM/Stewardship Committee for further refinement.



- Submitted four recommendations to DOE:
 - Recommendations on Groundwater Investigations at the DOE Oak Ridge Reservation
 - Recommendation on Biology Complex Facilities at the Y-12 National Security Complex
 - Recommendations on the Proposed Environmental Management Disposal Facility
 - Recommendations on the FY19 Oak Ridge EM Budget Priorities (Pending approval)



- Approved two SSAB chairs recommendations:
 - Recommendation on EM's Cleanup Performance Road Map and Communication Strategy
 - Recommendation on Above-Ground Storage at the DOE Waste Isolation Pilot Plant
- Took part in the DOE EM Community Workshop





Represented ORSSAB as liaison to the consulting parties and provided comments on early design for the ETTP site and K-25 historic preservation.







- Completed a number of public outreach goals
 - Issued 3 news releases, 4 newsletters, and FY 2016 annual report.
 - Broadcast board meetings on local cable stations and YouTube
 - Continued posting to the board's Facebook and Flickr
 - Maintained exhibit at the American Museum of Science and Energy
 - Published numerous ads and online postings about the SSAB new member recruitment



- Attended three national meetings/conferences
 - 2017 Waste Management Symposium
 - SSAB Chairs Meeting, May 9–11
 - DOE National Cleanup Workshop, Sept. 13-14 (Pending)



- Participated in a variety of site tours:
 - October: Transuranic Waste Processing Center
 - November: Excess contaminated facilities at Y-12 and ORNL







January: Groundwater contamination sites at East Tennessee Technology Park and Oak Ridge National Laboratory

February: Oak Ridge Reservation waste disposal facilities and proposed siting for the Environmental Management Disposal

Facility





