

EAST TENNESSEE TECHNOLOGY PARK



FACT: The 2,200-acre East Tennessee Technology Park (ETTP) operated Manhattan Project and Cold War-era uranium enrichment facilities for more than 40 years. The site, which began as a scientific marvel in 1943, became a legacy of contaminated buildings, soil, and groundwater after it was closed in 1987.

CHALLENGE: Restoring the environment requires extensive cleanup and building demolition. Without the Oak Ridge environmental cleanup program, risks would remain that prevent new development and economic growth regionally.

SOLUTION: The Oak Ridge Office of Environmental Management (OREM) coordinates the safe and efficient cleanup of ETTP, preparing the land for redevelopment. As cleanup occurs, the land is transferred to the private sector with the ultimate goal of transforming the site into a thriving, privately owned multi-use industrial park. OREM completed core cleanup at the site in 2020, and it expects to complete the remaining soil and groundwater remediation in the mid-2020s.

OREM accomplishments at the East Tennessee Technology Park

More than

500 Facilities Demolished

1,200+ Acres

transferred for private sector use

3,000 Acres

placed in conservation easement



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ETTP IS HOME TO 20 BUSINESSES, WITH MORE TO COME IN THE YEARS AHEAD

OREM recently transferred ETTP's largest parcel to date, spanning more than 200 acres. Coqui Radio Pharmaceuticals Corp. announced that it will build a medical isotope production facility on that land to focus primarily on the production of molybdenum-99 (Mo-99) isotopes. The projected \$500 million investment will enable the construction of a new facility on the transferred land by 2025 that is anticipated to create 200 private sector jobs.

Mo-99 is the most widely used medical isotope in the world, but the U.S. currently does not have a domestic production source. It's used in 18 million medical procedures a year in the U.S., aiding in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer and numerous diseases.

Reindustrialization & Historic Preservation

OREM's goal for ETTP is to eliminate risks to human health and the environment, make clean land available for economic development, and preserve the international historical significance of the site.

PRESERVATION

An historic preservation agreement honors the 12,000 workers within the former K-25 complex (ETTP) who discovered the technological and scientific advancements that changed the course of the world during World War II and the Cold War. Under the agreement, OREM constructed and opened the K-25 History Center in 2020 with more than 250 original artifacts, interactive exhibits, and access to nearly 1,000 oral histories from the site's early workers. Also, a scale representation of the K-25 Building and gaseous diffusion technology will be constructed next to the history center.

REINDUSTRIALIZATION

As OREM completes cleanup projects at ETTP, the reindustrialization program works to transfer buildings and land to the private sector. The goal is to fully convert the site into a privately-owned multi-use industrial park. ETTP is currently home to manufacturing, warehousing, and office space. ETTP boasts many offerings to potential industry searching for a new location including a well-maintained road system, railroad line, electrical transmission lines, emergency services, barge access, close proximity to two interstates, sidewalks, parking, and utilities.



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