

Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board Monthly Meeting



Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 6 p.m.

The mission of the Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board (ORSSAB) is to provide informed advice and recommendations concerning site specific issues related to the Department of Energy's (DOE's) Environmental Management (EM) Program at the Oak Ridge Reservation. In order to provide unbiased evaluation and recommendations on the 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.

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Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board
Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
Hybrid meeting
AGENDA

- I. Welcome and announcements (K. Bartholomew) 6:00–6:05
- II. Comments from federal and state agency representatives
(A. Hill, R. Petrie, S. Urquhart-Foster, K. Czartoryski) 6:05–6:10
 - i. Introduction of new board members (A. Hill)
- III. Presentation: Ongoing Efforts to Assure Waste Disposal Capacity (Vestal)..... 6:10–6:40
Issue Group: *Bartholomew, Butler, Dill, Michaels, Moore, Sharpe, Tuck*
– Members, please inform staff if you wish to join this or any other topic on the Work Plan.
- IV. Public comment period (S. Kimel)..... 6:40-6:55
 - i. Questions for DOE on the presentation; Comments on other topics – Comments previously received to be read into the record.
 - ii. *Comments pertaining to this meeting will continue to be accepted by email to orsstab@orem.doe.gov by no later than 5 p.m. EST on **Friday, March 13, 2026.***
- V. Call for additions & motion to approve agenda (K. Bartholomew)..... 6:55
 - A. Any requests for new action items
 - B. Next meeting – 6 p.m. April 8

This ends the presentation portion of the meeting – presenters and subject experts may depart

- VI. Board Business (K. Bartholomew) 7:00–7:10
 - A. Officer elections for FY 2026
- VII. Responses to recommendations & DDFO’s report (A. Hill) 7:10–7:15
- VIII. Committee reports..... 7:15–7:20
 - A. Executive (K. Bartholomew)
 - i. Next meeting – April 1
 - B. EM/Stewardship (TBD)
 - i. Next meeting – March 25
- IX. Additions to agenda & closing remarks (K. Bartholomew)..... 7:20–7:30
- X. Adjourn 7:30

Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board

Officer Elections

Potential Slate of Candidates

Officer elections were announced at the May 2025 meeting. Staff also communicated by email to solicit interest in running for board officer positions.

The following candidates expressed interest in sitting on the Executive Committee for this upcoming year. The following list of candidates is submitted for information purposes. Elections will be held at the October ORSSAB meeting and nominations may be made from the floor at that time.

- Chair:
Kris Bartholomew – Kris is currently vice chair. He has been a member of the board since 2022.
- Vice Chair:
Charles Moore – Charles is currently a Stewardship co-chair and has been a member of the board since 2023
- Secretary:
Kelli Thompson – Kelli has been a member of the board since 2024

As a reminder to all, the following are the rules for the election of Executive Committee officers:

- A quorum must be present throughout the meeting.
- Any member of the board can put themselves forward for an office at the meeting when nominations from the floor are requested.
- A member can nominate another board member during the meeting **if they have that person's consent.**

Election script: Chair (or designee): Nominations have been presented for (name) as chair; (name) as vice chair; and (name) as secretary. Are there any further nominations for (chair, then other positions in turn)?
If no, the listed slate may be voted on in one motion. If yes, items must be voted separately.

The co-chairs of the EM Stewardship Committee are also members of the Executive Committee. Elections for those positions will take place at the October EM Stewardship meeting.

- Co chairs:
Laure Clark – Laure has been a member of the board since 2024
Otto Merz - Otto has been a member of the board since 2024

As a reminder, elected officers:

- Meet virtually approximately once a month (generally the first Wednesday of the month) to discuss board business such as recommendations, following up on action items, and draft/approve meeting agendas;
- Lead the monthly meetings;
- Represent the board at occasional events, such as the EM SSAB Chairs Meeting twice a year to conference with other boards. Likewise, they are given priority for some educational opportunities.



FY 2026 Incoming Correspondence

#	Date	To	From	Description	DOEIC, Notified board officers of receipt
89	2/5/2026	Petrie, DOE	Marcillo, TDEC	TDEC Comments: Explanation of Significant Differences for the Record of Decision for the Disposal of Oak Ridge Reservation Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 Waste, Oak Ridge, Tennessee: Clean Water Act (DOE/OR/01-2972&D2)	DOEIC, Notified board officers of receipt
90	2/5/2026	Dawson, EPA & Marcillo, TDEC	Hill, DOE	Transmittal of the Covenant Deferral Request for the proposed title transfer of EU Z2-11, Z2-12, and Z2-13 at ETPP	DOEIC, Notified board officers of receipt
91	2/6/2026	Dawson, EPA & Marcillo, TDEC	Clemons & Petrie, DOE	Transmittal of the Covenant Deferral Request for the Proposed Title Transfer of Exposure Units Z2-11, Z2-12, and Z2-13 at the East Tennessee Technology Park, Oak Ridge, Tennessee	DOEIC, Notified board officers of receipt
92	2/6/2026	Petrie, DOE	Sayer, EPA	EPA Comments Explanation of Significant Differences for the Record of Decision for the Disposal of Oak Ridge Reservation Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 Waste, Oak Ridge, Tennessee: Clean Water Act (DOE/OR/01-2972&D2)	DOEIC, Notified board officers of receipt
93	2/9/2026	Petrie, DOE	Richards, EPA	EPA Comments Remedial Design Report/Remedial Action Work Plan for the Demolition of Building 3042, the Oak Ridge Research Reactor, at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge Tennessee, November 2025 (DOE/OR/01-2908&D1) (the RD/RAWP)	DOEIC, Notified board officers of receipt
94	2/10/2026	Dawson, EPA & Marcillo, TDEC	Hardin & Petrie, DOE	Federal Facility Agreement Milestone Addition Request for the Upper East Fork Poplar Creek Interim Record of Decision	DOEIC, Notified board officers of receipt



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95	2/11/2026	Petrie & Hardin, DOE	Dawson, EPA	EPA Approval of FFA Milestone UEFPC Phase II Interim ROD ESD - New Hope Pond	DOEIC, Notified board officers of receipt
96	2/12/2026	Petrie & Hardin, DOE	Poe, EPA	EPA Response for Review of the Time-Critical Action Memorandum for the Phase I Removal Action at the White Wing Scrap Yard, Oak Ridge National Priorities List Site, Oak Ridge, Tennessee (DOE/OR/01-3015&D1)	DOEIC, Notified board officers of receipt
97	2/12/2026	Petrie, DOE	Marcillo, TDEC	TDEC Comment Letter for Time-Critical Action Memorandum for the Phase I Removal Action at the White Wing Scrap Yard, Oak Ridge National Priorities List Site, Oak Ridge, Tennessee (DOE/OR/01-3015&D1)	DOEIC, Notified board officers of receipt
98	2/13/2026	Petrie, DOE	Marcillo, TDEC	TDEC Comments Phased Construction Completion Report for Remediation of Soils in the West Bethel Valley Assessment Unit 8 at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee (DOE/OR/01-3020&D1)	DOEIC, Notified board officers of receipt
99	2/17/2026	Petrie, DOE	Marcillo, TDEC	TDEC Comments Transmittal of the RDR-RAWP for the Demolition of Building 3042, the Oak Ridge Research Reactor, at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (DOE-OR-01-2908&D1)	DOEIC, Notified board officers of receipt
100	2/19/2026	Petrie, DOE	Marcillo, TDEC	TDEC Comments Supplemental Sampling and Analysis Plan for the Remedial Investigation of Remaining Ecology/Surface Water/Sediment at East Tennessee Technology Park, Oak Ridge, Tennessee (DOE/OR/01-3016&D1)	DOEIC, Notified board officers of receipt
101	2/19/2026	Geimer, DOE Hanford; Schleif, WSDE; Buelow, EPA	Coleman, HAB	Hanford Cleanup Priorities: Reduce Cleanup Costs and Accelerate Schedule (HAB Consensus Advice #323)	DOEIC, Notified board officers of receipt



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102	2/19/2026	Geimer, DOE Hanford; Schleif, WSDE; Buelow, EPA	Coleman, HAB	Building Trust through Public Involvement (HAB Consensus Advice #324)	DOEIC, Notified board officers of receipt
103	2/20/2026	Distribution	Olds, DOE	Transmittal of the Semiannual Status Report in Accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement for Decommissioning and Demolition of the K-25 Site and Interpretation of the ETPP	DOEIC, Notified board officers of receipt
104	2/23/2026	Burchfield & Guy, DOE	Lutz, TDEC	TDEC Comments Re: Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), Division of Remediation - Oak Ridge Office (DoR-OR) Fiscal Year 2025 Environmental Monitoring Report (FY25 EMR), July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025	DOEIC, Notified board officers of receipt
105	2/23/2026	Dawson, EPA & Marcillo, TDEC	McIntosh & Petrie, DOE	Transmittal of the Addendum to the Phased Construction Completion Report for Exposure Unit Z2-30 in Zone 2, ETPP, Oak Ridge, Tennessee DOE-OR-01-2521&D2-A1-R1	DOEIC, Notified board officers of receipt
106	2/23/2026	Petrie, DOE	Marcillo, TDEC	TDEC Comments Federal Facility Agreement Milestone Addition Request for the East Tennessee Technology Park Remaining Ecology/Surface Water/Sediment Remedial Action Report	DOEIC, Notified board officers of receipt
107	2/24/2026	Dawson, EPA & Marcillo, TDEC	McIntosh & Petrie, DOE	Federal Facility Agreement Milestone Addition Request for the East Tennessee Technology Park Remaining Ecology/Surface Water/Sediment Remedial Action Report	DOEIC, Notified board officers of receipt
108	2/24/2026	Petrie, DOE	Marcillo, TDEC	TDEC Comments Phased Construction Completion Report for Remediation of Soils in the West Bethel Valley Assessment Unit 4 at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee (DOE/OR/01-3021&D2)	DOEIC, Notified board officers of receipt



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109	2/25/2026	Petrie & McIntosh, DOE	Dawson, EPA	EPA Approval: DOE's request to add a milestone date of 2037 to the Federal Facility Agreement Appendix J for the East Tennessee Technology Park Remaining Ecology/Surface Water/Sediment, Remedial Action Report (RAR)	DOEIC, Notified board officers of receipt
110	2/26/2026	Petrie & Hardin, DOE	Poe, EPA	EPA Response for Technical Review of the Supplemental Sampling and Analysis Plan for the Remedial Investigation of Remaining Ecology/Surface Water/Sediment at East Tennessee Technology Park, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, November 2025 (DOE/OR/01-3016&D1)	DOEIC, Notified board officers of receipt
111	2/26/2026	Petrie, DOE	Dawson, EPA	Environmental Protection Agency's approval of the WBV 4, WBV 5, WBV 6, WBV 8, and Former Building 7025 Area of EU 9 Addendum A7 to the Remedial Design Report/Remedial Action Work Plan for Soils, Sediments, and Dynamic Characterization Strategy for Bethel Valley, Oak Ridge, Tennessee at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (DOE/OR/01-2378&D5/A7/R1)	DOEIC, Notified board officers of receipt
112	3/2/2026	Hill, DOE	Dawson, EPA	EPA Approval of the Covenant Deferral Request [Approval] and the Findings of the Director [Findings] prepared based on EPA's review of the Covenant Deferral Request [CDR] 24 for the Proposed Title Transfer of Exposure Units (EUs) Z2-11 and Z2-12, and a portion of Z2-13 at the East Tennessee Technology Park (DOE/OR/01-3013)	DOEIC, Notified board officers of receipt
113	3/2/2026	Dawson, EPA & Marcillo, TDEC	Clemons & Petrie, DOE	Transmittal of a Modification to the Melton Valley Watershed Remedial Action Report Comprehensive Monitoring Plan (DOE/OR/01-1982&D3/M1)	DOEIC, Notified board officers of receipt



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114	3/2/2026	Johnson, EPA	Olds, DOE	Petition for National Priorities List Partial Deletion of Zone 1 Soils at the East Tennessee Technology Park, Oak Ridge, Tennessee	DOEIC, Notified board officers of receipt
115	3/2/2026	Petrie, DOE & Marcillo, TDEC	Amoroso, EPA	EPA Approval: Phased Construction Completion Report (PCCR) for Remediation of Soils in the West Bethel Valley Assessment Unit 4 at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee (DOE/OR/01-3021&D2)	DOEIC, Notified board officers of receipt
116	3/3/2026	Petrie, DOE	Marcillo, TDEC	TDEC Comments: : Federal Facility Agreement Milestone Addition Request for the East Tennessee Technology Park Remaining Ecology/Surface Water/Sediment Remedial Action Report	DOEIC, Notified board officers of receipt
117	3/3/2026	Petrie, DOE	Marcillo, TDEC	TDEC Comments RE Addendum to the PCCR for EU Z2-30 in Zone 2, ETTP (DOE-OR-01-2521&D2-A1-R1)	DOEIC, Notified board officers of receipt
118	3/6/2026	Dawson, EPA & Marcillo, TDEC	Petrie, DOE	Federal Facility Agreement Milestone Appendix E And J Revisions	DOEIC, Notified board officers of receipt
119	3/6/2026	Dawson, EPA & Marcillo, TDEC	Petrie, DOE	Federal Facility Agreement Revised Appendix I-1, Extension Request Operating Instructions	DOEIC, Notified board officers of receipt
120	3/6/2026	Dawson, EPA & Marcillo, TDEC	McIntosh & Petrie, DOE	Transmittal of the Addendum to the Zone 1 GW Plumes Remedial Investigation Work Plan for Exit Pathway Monitoring, ETTP, Oak Ridge, Tennessee (DOE-OR-01-2903&D2/A3)	DOEIC, Notified board officers of receipt
121	3/9/2026	Dawson, EPA & Marcillo, TDEC	Mayton & Petrie, DOE	Federal Facility Agreement Milestone Addition Request for the Alpha-2 Time Critical Action Memorandum	DOEIC, Notified board officers of receipt

Public Comment to Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board (ORSSAB)
March 11, 2026
Luther Gibson
ORSSAB Member (1999-2005), Chair (2000-2002)
DOE Oak Ridge Contractor Employee (1977-2017)
Coalition of Oak Ridge Retired Employees Board of Directors (2019-)

Potential Questions for the Presentation “Ongoing Efforts to Assure Waste Disposal Capacity.”

What is or will be the impact on water quality from the Wheeler Decision?

WIMS, the Waste Information Management System created for DOE by Florida International University’s Applied Research Center, appears not to reflect planning data beyond 4Q FY 2024. A Disposition Map generated for Oak Ridge Reservation to EMWMF shows 285,836.21 m³ from 2025 through 2054. EMDF has not been built into the application. Is this project still supported?

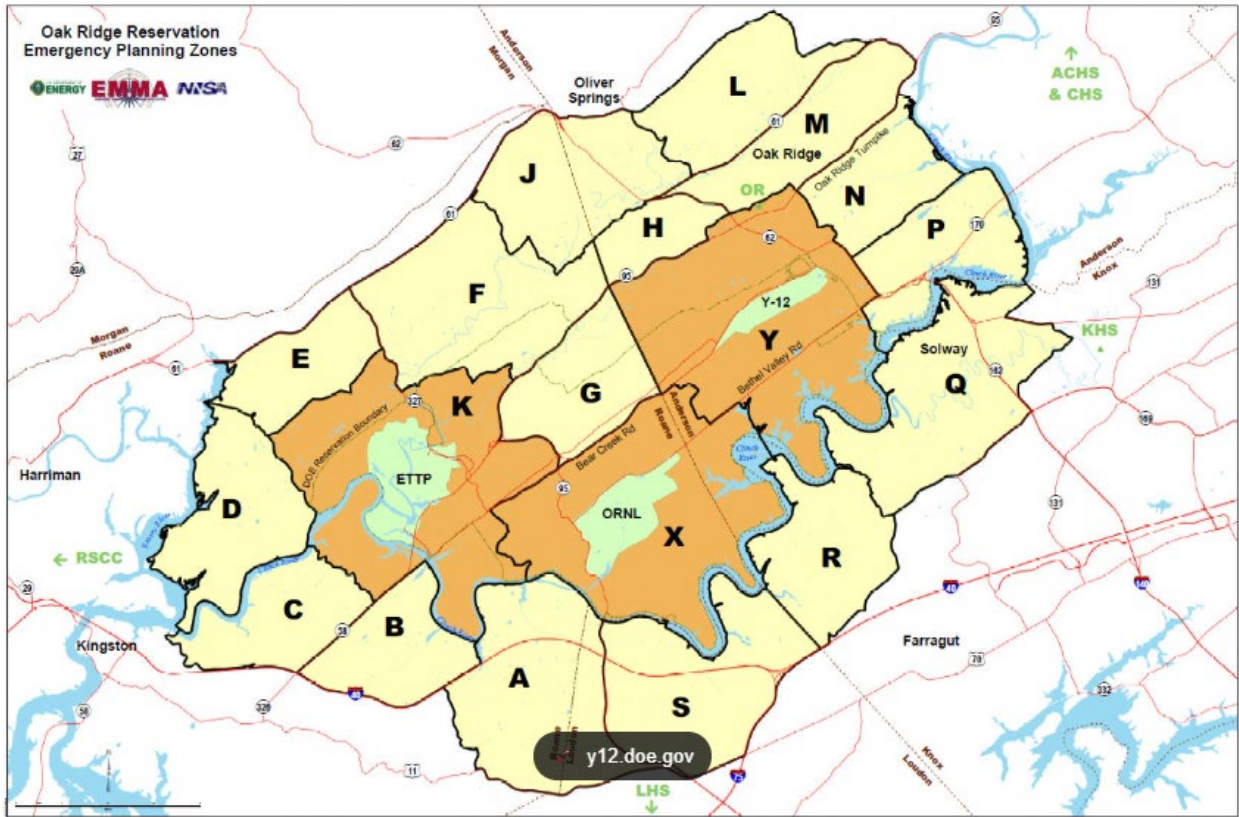
Other Comments: Discontinuing the Environmental Management Advisory Board was terrible.

ORSSAB activities in February fell short of expectations that built up since the annual planning meeting in August. How OREM communicates what it wants the public to hear is of less priority to some than how it can engage on a deeper level. The committee meeting held subsequent to the Board meeting could be better used to provide quick updates on issues that are evolving as disclosed in documents that have surfaced.

“Ongoing Efforts to Assure Waste Disposal Capacity” should include assurance of access to off-site facilities. A Disposition Map generated for Oak Ridge Reservation through WIMS indicates disposition at Area 5 LLW Disposal Unit (NNSS), Area 5 MLLW Disposal Cell (NNSS), Clean Harbors, Commercial TBD, Energy Solutions-Clive (formerly Envirocare), Energy Solutions-TN (formerly GTS Duratek), Perma-Fix Gainesville, Perma-Fix--Diversified Scientific Services-Inc, Perma-Fix--Northwest (formerly PEcoS), Veolia, and Waste Control Specialists. This analysis does not include transuranic wastes. According to the Annual Transuranic Waste Inventory Report – 2025, if all potential waste being reported became eligible for disposal at the WIPP facility and was added to the current volume estimate of WIPP bound stored and projected TRU waste up through and beyond CY 2033, the total waste volume would be approximately 175,000 m³. Under the WIPP Land Withdrawal Act, the WIPP facility is authorized to dispose of 6.2 million cubic feet (175,564 m³) of TRU waste.

Operation of new nuclear facilities at ETPP under DOE authorization could have serious emergency preparedness implications. Standard Nuclear has provided NRC with a Notice of Intent to Engage with the NRC Regarding Future Licensing of Advanced Fuel Production Facilities. The strategy involves transitioning facilities at ETPP and Idaho National Laboratory back to DOE jurisdiction, obtain DOE authorization of the processes, and then leverage that authorization to facilitate NRC licensing. In 2022, removal of hazards under jurisdiction of DOE at ETPP enabled four emergency planning sectors (B, C, D, and E) to be removed. Return to DOE jurisdiction of facilities likely to become Hazardous Materials Program facilities under DOE Order 151.1E, *Comprehensive Emergency Management System*, will assuredly result in reevaluation of the situation.

Before 2022:



Since 2022:

