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Announcements

EMWMF Cell 5 Completed Ahead of Schedule

Cell 5 of the Environmental Management Waste Management Facility (EMWMF) was completed on May 18, a month ahead of schedule and \$1.8M under the baseline budget, while expending more than 100,000 work-hours without a recordable injury.

The latest expansion was funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and added 465,000 cubic yards of capacity to the facility, bringing the total capacity to about 1.7M cubic yards. It was accomplished in spite of a wetter-than-normal year, which at one point had actually put the project behind schedule. At its peak, the Cell 5 project employed 106 workers.

More than a million tons of waste (about 78,000 shipments) have been safely disposed at EMWMF since it began operations in May 2002. In those eight years, there has not been a single lost-workday due to injury.

DOE-ORO Launches Facebook Page

DOE's Oak Ridge Office (ORO) recently launched a page on Facebook in its ongoing effort to achieve new levels of public awareness and participation. The decision to use social media increases ORO's reach in the surrounding areas and allows a greater number of individuals to receive information on DOE activities in Oak Ridge.

"We believe it is critical that we keep the public informed about the vast amount of work ongoing in Oak Ridge," said Director of Public Affairs John Shewairy. "We can use Facebook as another tool to reach people, and we are excited about the opportunities it provides us as we enhance our public outreach program."

Through ORO's Facebook page, stakeholders and members of the community now have the ability to receive notifications of emergencies, hiring opportunities, public meetings and forums, contracting opportunities, and milestone achievements in Oak Ridge.

For those interested in following ORO's most current activities and opportunities on Facebook, search "Department of Energy Oak Ridge Office" and click the "Like" button at the top of the page. The official source of information for the DOE's ORO is www.oakridge.doe.gov.

DOE Applies for ORNL Permit Renewal

DOE has applied to the Tennessee Air Pollution Control Division (TAPCD) for renewal of a major source operating permit for the Air Stripper Column/Process Waste Treatment Complex and Process Off-Gas and Hot Cell Ventilation System at Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

A copy of the application materials used by the TAPCD and a copy of the draft permit are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations: Oak Ridge Public Library, Civic Center, 1401 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge, TN 37830-6206; and Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Air Pollution Control, 9th Floor, L & C Annex, 401 Church Street, Nashville, TN 37243-1531.

A copy of the draft permit is also available electronically by accessing the TDEC Internet site located at www.tdec.net/apc/ppo/.

Interested parties are invited to review these materials and comment. In addition, a public hearing may be requested at which written or oral presentations may be made. To be considered, written comments or requests for a public hearing should be addressed to Mr. Barry R. Stephens, P.E., Director, Air Pollution Control Division, 9th Floor, L & C Annex, 401 Church Street, Nashville,

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Public Meetings

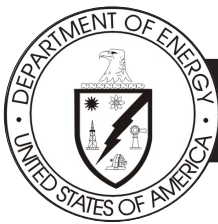
Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board

The Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board (ORSSAB) will meet at 6 p.m., Wednesday, **June 9**, at the DOE Information Center. The meeting will feature a presentation on long-term stewardship for contaminated areas on the Oak Ridge Reservation.

Contact: Pat Halsey, (865) 576-4025

ORSSAB Support Office: (865) 241-4583 or 241-4584

Internet: www.oakridge.doe.gov/em/ssab/



CERCLA Administrative Record

New CERCLA Documents Available at the DOE Information Center — April/May 2010

Fiscal Year 2007 Phased Construction Completion Report for the Low Risk/Low Complexity Facilities of the Remaining Facilities Demolition Project at the East Tennessee Technology Park, Oak Ridge, Tennessee (DOE/OR/01-2362&D2)

Waste Handling Plan for Buildings 3095, 3503, and 3503A at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee (DOE/OR/01-2453&D1)

Sampling and Analysis Plan for the Liquid Low-Level Waste Pipelines Northern Characterization at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee (DOE/OR/01-2449&D2)

Fiscal Year 2010 Phased Construction Completion Report for EU Z2-31 in Zone 2, East Tennessee Technology Park, Oak Ridge, Tennessee (DOE/OR/01-2443&D1)

Removal Action Report for the Ponds at the East Tennessee Technology Park, Oak Ridge, Tennessee: K-1007-P Holding Ponds, K-901-A Holding Pond, K-720 Slough, and K-770 Embayment (DOE/OR/01-2456&D1)

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 (DOE/OR/01-2426&D2)

Waste Handling Plan for Facilities 3504, 3508, 3541, 3550, and 3592 at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee (DOE/OR/01-2451&D1)

Phased Construction Completion Report for Fiscal Year 2009 Earned Value for the K-25 and K-27 East Tennessee Technology Park, Oak Ridge, Tennessee (DOE/OR/01-2436&D2)

Addendum to the Melton Valley Monitoring Plan, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Appendix E (DOE/OR/01-1982&D1/R4/A1/R2)

Sampling and Analysis Plan/Quality Assurance Project Plan for NPL Site Boundary Definition in the Vicinity of the East Tennessee Technology Park, Oak Ridge, Tennessee (DOE/OR/01-2430&D1)

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If you have any comments or questions about this publication, please contact Ben Williams of DOE Public Affairs at (865) 574-4912.

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NEPA Actions

Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Transfer of Land and Facilities Within the East Tennessee Technology Park and Surrounding Areas, Oak Ridge, Tennessee (DOE/EA-1640): An EA Determination was made for the proposed transfer of land and facilities located in the northwestern portion of the Oak Ridge Reservation for mixed (recreational, retail, and industrial) land use. Based on the analysis in the EA, DOE will either prepare a Finding of No Significant Impact and proceed with the action, or prepare an Environmental Impact Statement if the EA reveals the potential for significant environmental impacts. The EA was released for a 30-day public review and comment period on December 28, 2009. In response to stakeholder requests, the comment period for the EA was extended to February 15, 2010. Comments are being reviewed and will be incorporated into the final EA.

Environmental Assessment for the Spruce and Peatland Responses Under Climatic and Environmental Change Experiment (SPRUCE) at the Marcell Experimental Forest, Itasca County, Minnesota (DOE/EA-1764): An EA Determination was signed on March 10, 2010, to study the effects of altered atmospheric and climate conditions to obtain information on the response to elevated temperature and elevated atmospheric carbon dioxide of a black spruce-Sphagnum ecosystem. The selected ecosystem is located at the southern extent of the spatially expansive boreal peatland forests and is considered to be especially vulnerable to climate changes. Research would involve

climate change manipulation activities, focusing on the response of multiple levels of warming combined with elevated carbon dioxide levels (i.e., 800 to 900 ppm), the collection of field data, and the evaluation of the response of existing biological communities (plants and animals) to a range of warming levels. These experiments would be conducted in the S1 bog [an ombrotrophic *Picea mariana* (black spruce) – *Sphagnum* spp. forest community] of the Marcell Experimental Forest. The proposed action would take place at the Marcell Experimental Forest, Itasca County, Minnesota, in the Chippewa National Forest. The lands are managed by the USDA Forest Service. Requests for additional information should be addressed to William M. Belvin, NEPA Document Manager, at (865) 576-7321.

NPS Special Resource Study on the Preservation and Interpretation of Historic Sites Associated with the Manhattan Project: The Draft Special Resources Study/Environmental Assessment was posted at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov> on December 10, and public comments on the study were solicited through March 1, 2010. Meetings were held in January and February in Hanford, Washington; Oak Ridge, Tennessee; Dayton, Ohio; and Los Alamos, New Mexico, to seek input from members of the public. Two sessions were held in Oak Ridge on January 26, and a large number of attendees from the Oak Ridge community were present and voiced their comments on the study. Requests for further information should be directed to Carla McConnell, at (303) 969-2287.

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Tennessee 37243-1531. Questions concerning the source(s) may be addressed to Mr. Jabari Martin at the same address or by calling 1-(615)-532-0554 or (615) 532-0607. A final determination will be made after weighing all relevant comments.

DOE Issues RFP for Nickel Disposition

DOE has issued a solicitation for proposals to buy approximately 15,300 tons of radiologically-contaminated nickel scrap recovered from uranium enrichment process equipment at the Department's Paducah, Kentucky, and Oak Ridge, Tennessee, facilities.

The potential buyer will be required to declassify and decontaminate the nickel scrap prior to gaining title. The

nickel will be recycled into products that will be used in radiologically-controlled applications. This material is not intended for unrestricted release for recycling into commerce, and no nickel disposition activities will be performed outside of the United States.

All proposals to this solicitation must be received by the Department no later than July 28, 2010. The document is available online at the Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) at: <http://e-center.doe.gov/iips/busopor.nsf/UNID/391032F76FCB0B7785257713006E1F34?OpenDocument>.

For additional information, please contact the DOE Public Affairs Office at (865) 576-0885.

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Oak Ridge Reservation Bus Tours Begin

The 2010 DOE Oak Ridge Reservation Facilities Bus Tour will begin on June 1 and continue through September 3. The summer season tour begins at the American Museum of Science and Energy (AMSE), 300 S. Tulane Ave., Oak Ridge, and includes brief off-the-bus stops at the Y-12 National Security Complex Visitor Center and ORNL's Spallation Neutron Source lobby and Historic Graphite Reactor. The tours are a shared effort by DOE-ORO, Bechtel Jacobs Company, UT-Battelle, B&W Technologies Y-12, and AMSE.

U.S. citizens 10 and older may sign up at AMSE between the hours of 9 and 11:30 a.m., Monday-Friday (excluding government holidays). The tour runs from noon to 3 p.m. Costs for the tour are \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, and \$3 for students ages 10-17. The cost includes admission to AMSE, where the tour begins. If you require special accommodations (wheelchair, etc.) for the tour, please call AMSE and advise one or two days ahead. For more information, please contact Lissa Clarke at AMSE, (865) 576-3200.

Secret City Festival Planned for June 18-19

Join more than 20,000 visitors and residents in celebrating the unique history and heritage of Oak Ridge from the '40s to the future during the 2010 Secret City Festival on June 18 and 19.

A wide variety of activities will be available during this weekend, including a tour of the K-25 Site and Heritage Center, Y-12 New Hope Center, and ORNL Historic Graphite Reactor.

The ORSSAB will sponsor a booth highlighting information about the board and the DOE Environmental Management Program. Posters, historical photographs, and a variety of other information resources will give festival attendees the big-picture view of how DOE and the board are working to clean up residual contamination on the Oak Ridge Reservation. A variety of take home items will be available to the public.

For additional information, please visit the Web site www.secretcityfestival.com or call (865) 425-3610.

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