



# Public Involvement News

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## Announcements

### A Message from the Secretary of Energy— Implementing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

The passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act began a new era at the Department of Energy.

President Obama has set clear goals for this bill: creating or protecting 3.5 million jobs over the next two years, while lifting our country out of this economic crisis and reducing our dependence on foreign oil. To achieve those aims, the Department of Energy has been given new resources and new responsibilities.

Each of the ten initiatives will put Americans back to work and begin to transform the way we use energy. We will reduce our carbon emissions and create entire new industries based on America's resources, America's ingenuity, and America's workers – and these will be jobs that can't be outsourced.

The Department of Energy will carry out this economic recovery plan with the highest level of speed, transparency, and accountability. I recently announced a sweeping reorganization of the way the Department awards grants and loans, so we can begin creating jobs as quickly and wisely as possible. We will also be posting the Department's progress regularly on this website and at <http://www.recovery.gov/>, where you can monitor the efforts of other federal agencies as well.

Achieving the President's bold goals will take the hard work and collaboration of all of us – homeowners, scientists, local and state governments, small businesses, industry, and many others – but I am confident that, together, we will succeed. We will turn this time of economic crisis into an opportunity to build a clean, secure, and prosperous energy future for America.

*Steven Chu*  
Secretary of Energy

### DOE Recovery Act Funds

Recovery Act Program	Authorized Funds	DOE Program Office
Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy Weatherization (\$5.0B) State Energy Program (\$3.1B) Advance Batteries Manufacturing (\$2.0B) Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy (\$6.7B)	\$16.8B	Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy
Environmental Management	\$6.0B	Environmental Management
Smart Grid and Related Programs	\$4.5B	Electricity Delivery & Energy Reliability
Fossil Energy R&D	\$3.4B	Fossil Energy
Science	\$1.6B	Office of Science
ARPA-E	\$0.4B	ARPA-E
<b>DOE Total</b> (excludes loan programs)	<b>\$32.7B</b>	
Innovative Technologies Loan Guarantees	\$6.0B*	Loan Guar. Program Office
DOE Power Administration Borrowing Authority	\$6.5B	WAPA and BPA

\*\$6B is allocated to underwrite up to \$60B in loans



# CERCLA Administrative Record

**New CERCLA Documents Available at the DOE Information Center —February/March 2009**

*Fiscal Year 2008 Phased Construction Completion Report for EU Z2-33 in Zone 2, East Tennessee Technology Park, Oak Ridge, Tennessee (DOE/OR/01-2368&D2)*

*Cleanup Progress FY 2008 Annual Report to the Oak Ridge Community (DOE/ORO/2286)*

*Time-Critical Removal Action Memorandum for the Facility 3026 C&D Wooden Superstructure at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee (DOE/OR/01-2402&D1)*

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### **ORNL Receives \$71.2M in Recovery Act Funding**

As a result of President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, DOE's Oak Ridge Office has received \$71.2 million for projects at the DOE's Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

The funds are part of \$1.2 billion announced by Secretary of Energy Steven Chu March 23 from funding allocated under the Recovery Act to DOE's Office of Science. The funds will support an array of Office of Science-sponsored construction, laboratory infrastructure, and research projects across the nation.

The ORO allocation is part of \$1.2 billion that Secretary Chu announced is being disbursed now in the first installment of a total of \$1.6 billion allocated to the DOE Office of Science by Congress under the Recovery Act legislation. Officials are working on details remaining to enable approval and release of the balance of \$371 million.

"This \$71.2 million, the first installment of Recovery Act funding to Oak Ridge, will allow us to address work that needs to be done as part of a larger initiative to update our aging facilities at ORNL," said Gerald Boyd, Manager of the Oak Ridge Office.

The initiative Boyd referred to is known as the Science Laboratories Infrastructure (SLI) program, developed by the DOE's Office of Science to address the aging infrastructure of the Nation's science laboratories. The mission of the SLI program is to support the conduct of Departmental research missions at Office of Science laboratories by funding construction for revitalization and repair of the general-purpose infrastructure, and by cleaning up and removing excess facilities that are not transferable to the DOE's Office of Environmental Management. This mission is executed in support of fundamental research programs in basic energy

sciences, biological and environmental sciences, high energy and nuclear physics, fusion, and computational science.

"We have made great progress over the years in modernizing ORNL, however, many of our facilities simply cannot support the requirements of our groundbreaking research," added Boyd.

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## Public Meeting

### **Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board**

The Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board (ORSSAB) will meet at 6 p.m., Wednesday, **April 8**, at the DOE Information Center. The meeting will feature a presentation on the DOE Transuranic (TRU) Waste Processing Center. TRU wastes contain radioactive elements like plutonium that have an atomic number greater than uranium. The most hazardous type of this waste is called "remote-handled." DOE-Oak Ridge has the largest inventory of remote-handled TRU waste of any site in the country. DOE achieved a major milestone in February when it safely made its first shipment of remote-handled TRU to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad, New Mexico. Five months ago the first load of contact-handled TRU was shipped safely to New Mexico, achieving a previous regulatory milestone.

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## **Title V Air Permit for Building 3019 at ORNL**

DOE's Oak Ridge Office and Isotek, LLC have applied to the Tennessee Air Pollution Control Division (TAPCD) for a major source operating permit subject to the provisions of paragraph 1200-3-9-.02(11) of the Tennessee Air Pollution Control Regulations (also frequently referred to as Title V regulations) for Building 3019 at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL). A major source (Title V) operating permit is required by both the Federal Clean Air Act and the Tennessee Air Pollution Control Regulations. Building 3019 has a site address of One Bethel Valley Road on the campus of the ORNL. 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 DOE Information Center, the Oak Ridge Public Library and the TAPCD in Nashville. A copy of the draft permit it is available electronically by accessing the TDEC Internet site located at: [www.tdec.net/apc/ppo/](http://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 must be made within 30 days following the publication of a public notice in the *Oak Ridger* (publication date TBD at press time for this newsletter). Comments should be addressed to Mr. Barry R. Stephens, P.E., Director, Air Pollution Control Division, 9th Floor, L & C Annex, 401 Church Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1531.

**Contact:** *Jabari Martin, TDEC, (615) 532-0554*

## **Controlled Burn Planned for Freels Bend**

DOE plans to initiate prescribed burns on a portion of the Oak Ridge Reservation to improve wildlife habitat and reduce wild fire risks. The Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency (TWRA), in conjunction with the Tennessee Division of Forestry, will conduct the controlled burn in the Freels Bend/Solway areas of the Reservation through May 1. This area is a 200-acre peninsula west of the Dr. Herman Postma Memorial Bridge and bounded by Melton Hill Lake.

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## **Agency Financial Report Now Available**

DOE's Fiscal Year 2008 *Agency Financial Report* is now available at the DOE Information Center. The report includes three major sections: executive-level information on DOE's history, mission, organization, key activities within five strategic themes, analysis of financial statements, systems, controls and legal compliance and other challenges facing DOE; DOE's consolidated and

combined financial statements and the Auditors' Report; and the management and performance challenges, Improper Payments Information Act reporting details and other statutory reporting. The report is also available online at [www.energy.gov/about/budget.htm](http://www.energy.gov/about/budget.htm).

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## **Solid/Hazardous Waste Conference**

The 38th annual Solid/Hazardous Waste Conference and Exhibition sponsored by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation will be held **April 29 through May 1** at the Gatlinburg Convention Center. For more information visit the Web site [www.state.tn.us/environment/swm/conference](http://www.state.tn.us/environment/swm/conference).

**Contact:** *TDEC, 615-532-0798 or [Solid.Waste@state.tn.us](mailto:Solid.Waste@state.tn.us)*

## **2007 Toxic Release Inventory Data Available**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has released the 2007 data for the Toxic Release Inventory (TRI). The TRI is a publicly available EPA database that contains information on toxic chemical releases and other waste management activities reported annually by certain covered industry groups and federal facilities. DOE's Oak Ridge facilities are included in this inventory, for which data is available at [www.epa.gov/tri](http://www.epa.gov/tri) (enter zip code 37831).

**Contact:** *EPA, 1-800-424-0346*

## **2009 Valley Corridor Summit Scheduled**

The 2009 Tennessee Valley Corridor National Summit will be held on **May 27 and 28** at the New Hope Center at the Y-12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge. Mark your calendar. More information will be posted on the web at [www.tennvalleycorridor.org](http://www.tennvalleycorridor.org) as it becomes available.

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## **EM Report to Congress**

DOE's Office of Environmental Management has issued the *Report to Congress - Status of Environmental Management Initiatives to Accelerate the Reduction of Environmental Risks and Challenges Posed by the Legacy of the Cold War* (DOE/EM-0001). The report is submitted pursuant to Section 3130 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008. A hard copy of the report is available at the DOE Information Center and on the Center's Web site at [www.oakridge.doe.gov/info\\_cntr](http://www.oakridge.doe.gov/info_cntr) under the New Documents section.

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# NEPA Actions

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 requires federal agencies to consider environmental impacts of their actions in the decision-making process. Following is a list of pending DOE-ORO actions and their status as of April 2009.

**Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Transfer of Land and Facilities in the Northwestern Portion of the Oak Ridge Reservation, Oak Ridge, Tennessee (DOE/EA-1640):** An EA Determination has been 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. The draft EA is anticipated for issuance in Spring 2009 for public comment.

**Environmental Assessment for the Disposition of Radioactively Contaminated Nickel Located at the East Tennessee Technology Park, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, Paducah, Kentucky, for Controlled Radiological Applications (DOE/EA-1599):** The comment period on the Draft EA ended on August 15, 2008, and comments received are being evaluated.

**NPS Special Resource Study on the Preservation and Interpretation of Historic Sites Associated with the Manhattan Project:** Requests for further information should be directed to Carla McConnell, telephone (303) 969-2287. More information can be found on the NPS planning Web site (<http://parkplanning.nps.gov>).

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