

# Advocate

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## DOE Provides ORSSAB with Figures on FY 2015 Cleanup Budget and Out-year Priorities

President Obama’s budget request to Congress for FY 2016 includes \$365.7 million for environmental management (EM) cleanup of the Oak Ridge Reservation (ORR). It remains to be seen what Congress will appropriate for cleanup work.

If FY 2015 is any indication, Congress will appropriate more to the Department of Energy (DOE) Oak Ridge EM. The President’s request for FY 2015 was \$385 million. Congress enacted \$431.2 million.

Dave Adler, the Alternate Deputy Designated Federal Officer for the Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board (ORSSAB), discussed with the board at its March meeting about the budget process, general guidelines for prioritizing cleanup projects on the ORR, and specific near-term and long-term projects. His presentation was a preview of a public workshop on the DOE Oak Ridge EM budget scheduled for Wednesday, April 29 at Pollard Auditorium at Oak Ridge Associated Universities.

Adler explained that DOE EM works on three different budgets at one time: the current enacted budget, the President’s requested budget for the next fiscal year, and the budget request to DOE Headquarters for the following fiscal

year. “We are spending money on projects with funds that have been provided for FY 2015,” said Adler. “We have been asked to plan for the President’s request of \$365.7 million for FY 2016. We are running the computers to see what effects \$365 million would have on milestones. We’ll have to see what Congress actually appropriates.

“Finally there is the planning year. We develop a budget request to go to DOE Headquarters. Headquarters works on that request and sends it to the President.”

Scope	FY15		FY16
	President's Budget	Enacted	President's Budget
U233 material disposition	41.6	41.6	26.9
TRU Operations	71.1	90.3	60.5
Sludge Buildout Line Item - PED	4.2	4.2	0.0
Safeguard and Security	16.4	16.4	17.2
DF 200 Line Item - PED	9.4	9.4	6.8
EM facilities - S&M and waste operations	73.2	73.2	76.0
Stakeholder Support	4.4	4.4	4.4
Tech. Development	3.0	0.0	2.8
<b>Total Defense Appropriation</b>	<b>223.3</b>	<b>239.5</b>	<b>194.5</b>
Historic Preservation	2.1	2.1	0.0
<b>Total Non-Defense Appropriation</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>
ETTP cleanup	159.6	189.6	171.1
<b>Total D&amp;D Fund</b>	<b>159.5</b>	<b>189.5</b>	<b>171.1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>385.0</b>	<b>431.2</b>	<b>365.7</b>

Adler noted the appropriations for Oak Ridge cleanup have declined over the years. In the late 1990s to early 2000s, Oak Ridge typically received around \$500 million to as much as

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\$700 million a year. “But appropriations have dropped as the overall national budget situation has gotten tighter and tighter.”

Adler showed the board a chart showing appropriations for individual projects for FY 2015. “For the most part we received what we requested.

“One area where Congress increased our budget by a significant amount was for transuranic (TRU) waste disposition,” he said. TRU is being processed at the TRU Waste Processing Center and prepared for shipment to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in New Mexico. However, the plant is closed temporarily after a couple of incidents in February 2014. Adler noted that Congress increased by more than \$100 million the President’s request to accelerate the process to reopen the plant near

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Adler said Congress increased the President’s request for Oak Ridge decontamination and decommissioning

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## Conceptual Designs for K-25 Historic Preservation Unveiled

The signatory and consulting parties to a memorandum of agreement (MOA) for historic preservation at ETTP got a look at conceptual design drawings to commemorate the work done at the former K-25 Gaseous Diffusion Plant.

During a January meeting, the professional design team of Smee+Busby Architects and museum professional Gerald

Hilferty and Associates, showed the conceptual drawings of what historic preservation of K-25 would look like. ORSSAB is a consulting party to the MOA.

Comments on the conceptual drawings will be incorporated into final design drawings.

The MOA calls for retention of the U-shaped footprint of the K-25 Building. At the south end of the U

an Equipment Building will replicate the gaseous diffusion technology. A viewing tower, about 75 feet tall, will be part of the Equipment Building so visitors can get an overview of the size of the K-25 footprint.



*Conceptual drawings of the Equipment Building with Observation Tower and replica of a Withdrawal Alley in the former K-25 Building.*

The second floor of the ETTP fire station, also near the south end of the U, will have a museum of Manhattan Project and K-25 artifacts, exhibits of life in Oak Ridge at the time, and a theater.




The overall plan for historic preservation at ETTP includes wayside markers for areas around K-25 and a K-25 virtual museum. A contract has been awarded to Westside Media to design the virtual museum. A preview will be made to the MOA parties in spring or summer of 2015.

While preliminary work on the project continues, progress could stop after this fiscal year. The FY 2015 budget of \$2.1 million supports planned activities,

including the development of a preliminary design.

However, there is no funding in the President's FY 2016 budget request to Congress.

Unless Congress appropriates

money for historic preservation at ETTP work to commemorate the site could go dormant until funding becomes available again. 

## FY 2015 Cleanup Budget and Out-Year Priorities

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(D&D) by \$30 million. The D&D fund is for cleaning up uranium enrichment facilities. That money is being used to continue the demolition of the K-31 Building and preparing K-27 for demolition at East Tennessee Technology Park (ETTP).

How does the Oak Ridge EM budget compare to other cleanup sites around the country? "Oak Ridge is a relatively significant piece of the national EM budget," said Adler, "but small compared to two big sites."

He showed another chart of various sites. The Hanford site in Washington State includes two separate budgets totaling more than \$2.32 billion in

the President's FY 2016 request. The Savannah River Site request is about \$1.34 billion. Adler said the President's priorities are to dispose of high-level waste stored in large tanks in Hanford and to dispose of excess plutonium at Savannah River.

Adler discussed DOE's principles for project prioritization. "At a minimum we have to make sure we maintain a program that protects human health and the environment. If there is any imminent hazard we must deal with it.

"We have to comply with regulatory requirements. These include standards for air and water releases and milestones that we have agreed to with the

regulators (Environmental Protection Agency and Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation).

"And we support ongoing DOE missions on the ORR, including defense missions at Y-12 National Security Complex, science missions at Oak Ridge National Lab, and the effort to reindustrialize ETTP."

Adler said DOE EM Oak Ridge's near-term priorities (2015-2017) include the following:

- Finish demolition of K-31 at ETTP,
- Finish deactivation and begin demolition of K-27 at ETTP,

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## Reservation Update

### Cange Appointed DOE Oak Ridge EM Manager



Susan Cange has been appointed manager of the Oak Ridge Office of EM, having served as the acting manager of EM since May 2014.

“Sue has a long and proven record of leadership,” said EM’s Acting Assistant Secretary Mark Whitney. “I’ve seen firsthand Sue’s ability to develop and accomplish ambitious cleanup strategies and foster results-driven relationships with a variety of stakeholders on complex issues.”

Cange brings more than 30 years of experience to the position. She has served in leadership positions within DOE’s EM, Asset Utilization, and Nuclear Energy programs. In her time with EM, she was instrumental in developing a comprehensive strategic approach to cleaning up the ORR, as well as meeting other important milestones, such as helping forge a consensus historic preservation agreement that commemorates the history of the former K-25 site.

“I am extremely honored to have been selected to serve as manager of the Oak Ridge Office of EM,” she said. “We have important and challenging work ahead of us. We must complete cleanup of ETTP, and seamlessly transition to address cleanup challenges at Y-12 and ORNL.”

### ORSSAB EM & Stewardship Committee Members Tour Site of Proposed Disposal Facility

Several members of the ORSSAB EM & Stewardship Committee toured the site of a proposed new waste disposal facility for the ORR in February. The committee members wanted to see for themselves where the new facility is planned adjacent to the current facility on Bear Creek Road near Y-12. They visited the site the week prior to a presentation to ORSSAB on additional waste disposal capacity for the ORR.

DOE expects the current facility to be full by the mid-2020s and additional disposal space will be needed to complete the cleanup of the ORR.

The new facility is to be known as the EM Disposal Facility or EMDF.

Members touring the site included Susan Gawarecki, Bob Hatcher, Fay Martin, Corkie Staley, Ellen Smith, and Greg Paulus. Brian Henry, DOE, led the tour along with Chris Wieland and Bill Wilder of Pro2Serve.

### Demolition of K-31 Continues; K-27 Preparation Progresses

UCOR, DOE’s prime cleanup contractor in Oak Ridge, continues to make good progress in demolishing K-31 and preparing K-27 for demolition at ETTP.

As of the middle of March, demolition of K-31 was 63 percent complete and disposal of demolition debris had reached 56 percent.

Deactivation for the ancillary K-761 Building continued with asbestos removal about a third complete.

Overall, almost 65 percent of the K-27

Building has been deactivated and made ready for demolition.

### Work on Leaking Reactor Pool Scheduled to Begin in May

UCOR is evaluating bids for work to repair a leaking reactor pool at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. The plan is to remove the radioactive contents from the pool at the Oak Ridge Research Reactor and drain the pool.

The pool holds about 125,000 gallons of water, which has provided shielding for the radioactive components stored there. The reactor has not operated since the 1980s.

UCOR expects the work to begin in May.

Meanwhile, UCOR’s project team continues to monitor the pool and collect and dispose of the radioactive water.

### Y-12 Haul Road Completed

A haul road from Y-12 that will be used to support the construction activities for the Uranium Processing Facility was completed in early March. The road completion was part of other site readiness work for the facility and was completed ahead of schedule and under budget.

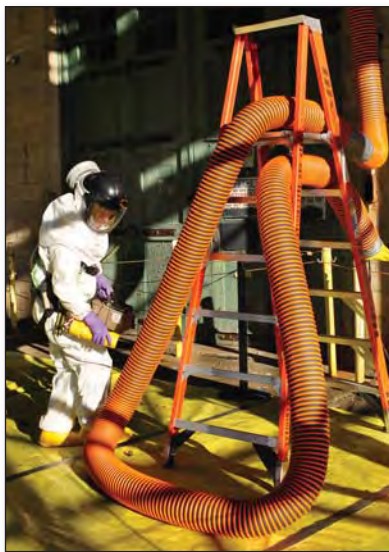
During construction of the road, in which Bear Creek Road was re-routed, workers encountered some unexpected soil contamination. That soil had to be removed and disposed before work on the haul road could continue.

### Alpha 5 at Y-12 on List of High-Risk Buildings

In January DOE’s inspector general released a list of 200 buildings across the country as ‘high-risk’ and identified Alpha 5 at Y-12 as one of the worst.

The report said Alpha 5 was highly contaminated and has significant structural degradation.

While about \$24 million has been spent to mitigate risks, demolition of the building is not in DOE’s near-term list of projects. 🌱



Workers continue to prepare K-27 for demolition at ETTP.

## ORSSAB Member Fay Martin Reports on Environmental Justice Conf.



I attended the National Environmental Justice Conference and Training Program in Washington, D.C., in March. The purpose was to represent ORSSAB and learn

more about environmental justice issues related to DOE.

There were a number of sessions; more than we have space to report, but following is a review of some of the relevant sessions.

During the opening session Mustafa Santiago Ali, the Environmental Protection Agency's Senior Advisor on Environmental Justice, said that the spotlight of the conference was on "Climate Justice" and the federal family's commitment to address the goals of President Obama's Climate Action Plan.

The plan outlines common sense steps to cut carbon pollution from power plants, modernize water systems, and help communities adapt to extreme weather events. It was pointed out that certain segments of the population, such as children, the elderly, the poor,

tribes, indigenous people, and small rural communities were especially vulnerable to impacts of climate change.

Melinda Downing, DOE's Environmental Justice Program Manager, said there is a direct correlation between the environment, environmental protection, health disparities, economic development, climate change, and environmental justice.

On the first day of the conference the Sisters Honoring African Rites of Passage from Aiken, S.C., talked about the Savannah River Site and legacy waste there. Samantha Parker from the Black Youth Leadership Development Institute, Savannah, Ga., spoke on lead testing in children in the community and the incidence of diabetes, heart failure, and cancer in the population.

On Thursday, March 12, the keynote speaker was Gina McCarthy, EPA Administrator. She said that an environmentalist means "We care about people." Environmentalists also care about civil rights concerning environmental justice and climate change.


She covered a number of topics including Superfund cleanup, needs

in rural areas without drinking water, carbon pollution standards, ozone and sulphur dioxide pollution reduction, and protection for vulnerable communities.

There was an impressive presentation by Dr. Jonathon Pershing, DOE Principal Deputy Director, Office of Energy Policy and Systems Analysis. He stressed that climate change is real and will have significant impacts. It affects poor and minority communities - that is the environmental justice implication.

The panel on "Achieving Indoor Environmental Justice through Weatherization and Healthy Home Initiatives" featured Erin Rose, Bruce Tonn, and Beth Hawkins from the National Evaluations of DOE's Weatherization Assistance Program at Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

They presented data on asthma cases, carbon monoxide poisonings, and home fires. They mentioned that deaths due to thermal stress could be prevented through weatherization.

Attendance at this conference was invaluable for meeting a variety of people in the environmental justice field and seeing their enthusiasm for what they are doing. It inspires me to be a more informed ORSSAB member. 

## EM SSAB Leadership Will Gather in Augusta for Semiannual Meeting

Representatives of the site specific advisory boards (SSABs) across the country will gather April 21-23 in Augusta, Ga., for their semiannual Chairs' Meeting.

Eight SSABs, some of them known as Citizens' Advisory Boards or CABs, make up the national EM SSAB. Typically they gather twice a year to talk about their individual accomplishments and issues and discuss topics common to all sites.

The meeting will include leadership and interested board members from ORSSAB; the Hanford CAB in Washington; the Idaho National


Laboratory CAB; the Northern New Mexico CAB; the Nevada SSAB, the Paducah CAB in Kentucky, the Portsmouth CAB in Ohio; and the Savannah River CAB in South Carolina, which will host the meeting. The first day will be a tour of the Savannah River Site near Aiken, S.C.

A number of DOE officials attend the meetings to talk about the status of the national EM program, cleanup budgets, and any other EM-related topic.

The chairs often craft a recommendation to send to DOE.

Several ORSSAB members are planning to attend including Chair

Dave Hemelright, and members Leon Baker, Alfreda Cook, Bob Hatcher, and Corkie Staley.

The fall meeting will be held in Santa Fe, N.M., hosted by the Northern New Mexico CAB. ORSSAB will host the spring 2016 meeting. 

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## Board Member Corkie Staley Who Returned to the Board After a 10-year Absence is Committed to Stewardship of Local Environment

ORSSAB member Corkie Staley's term on the board is a return engagement. "I was on the board from 2000-2002. During that time I served on the Stewardship Committee and was the board secretary."

Family responsibilities led her to decline a second term, but when she retired from Oak Ridge schools, she reapplied and was reappointed to the board in 2012.

Corkie, a nickname for Coralie, grew up in Fairmont, W. Va. She began college at Fairmont State, but when the family moved to Charleston, she finished at West Virginia State with a bachelor of arts in education. She came to Tennessee in 1982 and earned a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of Tennessee.

In 1983, she began working as a nursery school teacher at First United Methodist Church in Oak Ridge. She joined the Oak Ridge Schools as a teaching assistant at Woodland Elementary School in 1986 and was hired as a full time teacher there a few months later.

Her entire 25-year teaching career was spent at Woodland Elementary where she had experience teaching students in kindergarten, first, and fourth grades. "I enjoyed my time as a teacher, and I'm glad I had the opportunity to meet and teach so many wonderful students."

During her teaching career, she was a member of the Oak Ridge Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, and the National Education Association. She served two years as president of the Oak Ridge Education Association, and was elected for a two-year term to represent Anderson, Knox, and Loudon County teachers on the Tennessee Education Association Board of Directors.

Corkie has been quite active on ORSSAB since returning for her second and third terms. She served as chair of the Stewardship Committee before it

merged with the EM Committee. She now co-chairs the EM & Stewardship Committee. "The primary reason I serve on ORSSAB is my deep concern for and interest in the stewardship of the local environment," she says. "I believe every stakeholder needs to be represented



*Board member Corkie Staley has a particular interest in stewardship of areas on the ORR where contaminants or hazardous material has been remediated and left in place.*


on ORSSAB and that the community needs to be aware of the cleanup effort on the ORR.

"By serving on the board I have the opportunity to participate in discussions and decision making by taking an active role in the development of recommendations to DOE concerning the cleanup program, the release of DOE land for commercial and industrial use, the disposal of contaminants, the use of DOE funding for environmental management, and the future of the ORR."

In addition to committee and board work, Corkie has visited other DOE sites at Hanford, Wash.; Los Alamos, N.M.; the Nevada National Security Site; Yucca Mountain; the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant; Portsmouth, Ohio; and Idaho Falls. She has attended several EM SSAB Chairs' meetings and plans to attend the upcoming meeting in April at the Savannah River Site.

"It is my goal to learn all I can about ORR legacy waste, the environmental impact of the Manhattan Project, and scope of the cleanup program so that I can make reasonable, logical, and informed suggestions for recommendations. The presentations by DOE EM personnel are very informative and offer the opportunity to ask questions and have details explained so that ORSSAB members can discuss and research topics of interest prior to a recommendation being formulated."

Corkie also serves as ORSSAB's representative on the Center for Oak Ridge Oral History, which developed out of work begun by ORSSAB.

Corkie stays busy in her retirement by spending time with family and friends, traveling, collecting antique buttons, reading, fishing, and volunteering in two classrooms at Hardin Valley Elementary School. 

### Please Note

The Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board will not meet in April and will have an off-site workshop in May at a location to be determined



The next ORSSAB meeting will be  
Wednesday, June 10 at 6 p.m.  
DOE Information Center  
1 Science.gov Way, Oak Ridge  
(Intersection of Oak Ridge Tmplk. & Athens Rd.)

The presentation will be on the Department of Energy's Strategic Plan for Groundwater on the Oak Ridge Reservation

## DOE Appoints Four New Members to ORSSAB

DOE has appointed four new members to ORSSAB. Susan Cange, the board's Deputy Designated Federal Officer and DOE Oak Ridge Manager for EM, introduced Leon Baker, Richard Burroughs, Terri Likens, and Ed Trujillo at the board's February meeting.

Leon is a logistics coordinator with DOW Chemical. He previously worked as a health physicist technician with Denuke, Inc., which provides a variety of services to the nuclear industry. He has also previously worked with the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program through Oak Ridge Associated Universities in Oak Ridge.

He received A.A.S. degrees in mechanical engineering technology from Pellissippi State Community College in Knoxville, and in science from Georgia Military College in Milledgeville, Ga.

Leon received his B.S. in health care management from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Ill., and

his M.B.A. in business administration from Brenau University in Gainesville, Ga.

Leon lives in Oak Ridge and is a member of the NAACP and the Health Physics Society and its local chapter.

Richard has served as the chief of staff in the Anderson County mayor's office since 2012. Prior to that post, his



*New members (left to right) Ed Trujillo, Terri Likens, Leon Baker, and Richard Burroughs were introduced at ORSSAB's February meeting.*

professional experiences were related to his background as a registered professional geologist with extensive hydrogeological expertise in aquifer characterizations and remediation in soil and groundwater environments.

His employment history includes

25 years working primarily with Resource Conservation Recovery Act and Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act projects in a variety of states.

He received his B.S. and M.S. in geology from Southern Illinois University and the University of Arkansas, respectively. He is a resident of Oak Ridge.

Terri is the editor of the *Roane County News*. She has worked in several states as an editor, reporter, and freelance journalist and has received numerous honors for her work from a number of organizations, including several dozen awards from the Tennessee Press Association.

She received her B.A. in journalism from Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Ky. She is a member


of CASA of the Tennessee Heartland (a children's advocacy group), the Tennessee Press Association, and Conservation Fisheries, Inc.

Terri lives in Kingston.

Ed retired from Bechtel Corporation in 2012. He most recently managed the engineering and construction of a maintenance facility for heavy duty mining equipment in Chile in 2011-2012.

From 2008 until 2011 he managed three environmental projects for Bechtel at ETTP. During his 35-year career he has worked on a wide variety of projects at DOE, U.S. Air Force, and private sector facilities.

Ed received his B.S. in engineering from the University of Wisconsin in Platteville, Wis.

He is a resident of Oak Ridge. 


## Additional Members to be Seated in July

The four recent appointments to ORSSAB brought the number of members up to 21 of the 22 member limit. But additional appointments will be made this summer to fill the currently open seat and two others that will become open July 1 as the result of members who have decided not to seek reappointment.

The membership recruitment drive that began last fall has concluded, and DOE will select the new members from

the applications received in the past few months.

Everyone who applied for membership during the current recruitment drive will be notified about the disposition of their application.

Applications for membership are welcome at any time and are available on the ORSSAB website at [www.energy.gov/orssab](http://www.energy.gov/orssab) or you may call the ORSSAB offices at (865) 241-4583 or 241-4584. 

## ORSSAB/DOE Recognize Student Representatives for Service

ORSSAB and DOE recognized the board's outgoing student representatives at the April meeting. Dave Adler, the board's Alternate Deputy Designated Federal Officer, presented plaques and letters of appreciation to Aditya Chourey, Oak Ridge High School, and Claire Rowcliffe, Hardin Valley Academy, in recognition of their service to the board in FY 2014-15.

In addition to the time they spent on the board and at EM & Stewardship Committee meetings, they both maintained very busy school schedules.

At Oak Ridge High School, Aditya is an officer of the International Relations Club. He attended the North American Invitational Model United Nations in Washington, D.C., in February and received an outstanding delegate award.

He was a member of the high school marching band, worked at Jefferson Middle School library, and helped with the school's chess club.

Aditya has also been the student

representative the last two years on the Oak Ridge Environmental Quality Advisory Board.

He plans to attend either Georgetown University or George Washington University and major in international relations/foreign policy.



*ORSSAB's Alternate Deputy Designated Federal Officer Dave Adler presented plaques to student representatives Aditya Chourey and Claire Rowcliffe at the March meeting in recognition of their service to the board during FY 2014-15. Two new students will be seated at the June meeting.*

"My time as part of ORSSAB has been a really informative experience and has given me a chance to see how an advisory board functions," said Aditya. "This is especially valuable for me as I plan to pursue a career in governmental and foreign policy making."

Claire participates in a number of clubs at Hardin Valley Academy, including the National Honor Society, Red Cross Club, UNICEF, Talons Mentoring, powderpuff football, and the swim team.


Her Senior Portfolio was a semester-long internship and research paper at the University of Tennessee Medical Center Vascular Research Lab. Her paper was on the consequences of animal testing.

She had a rigorous class schedule of advanced placement classes, dual enrollment and honors classes.

She hasn't decided on a college, but is considering Purdue, Georgia Institute of Technology, the University of Tennessee, or Wake Forest.

"I'm honored to have been able to be a student representative on such an important and friendly

board," said Claire.

Two new students will be selected from Oak Ridge High and Hardin Valley to be the next set of student representatives. This will be the 17th year of ORSSAB's student representative program. 

### Snapshot in History

January - April 1944

Y-12 was in trouble as 1944 began - Alpha tank performance was sporadic and beam resolution at the new Beta facility was so poor that a complete redesign was required.

In addition, K-25 uranium enrichment was so much lower than expected that it could only be a feedstock for Alpha, not Beta, processing, necessitating redesign and retooling of the Alpha facilities.

Despite the problems, the Alpha 1 and 2 racetracks managed to produce a sample of 200 grams of 12 percent U-235 in late February, though this was not a sufficient amount to supply weapon requirements.

Four months later, in April, the four Alpha racetracks finally operated together.

With all the problems, Gen. Groves became increasingly concerned about the ability to meet the 1945 goal of producing a bomb.

## FY 2015 Cleanup Budget

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- Continue disposition of uranium-233 from ORNL,
- Continue processing TRU waste,
- Begin design of a mercury treatment plant at Y-12,
- Complete planning for an additional waste disposal facility.

DOE's post 2017 planning includes:

- Complete U-233 disposition,
- Continue TRU waste processing and shipments,
- Complete ETTP cleanup except for centrifuge buildings,
- Build the mercury treatment plant at Y-12,
- Address infrastructure needs.

In developing the FY 2017 budget, Adler said DOE Headquarters will provide guidance to field offices with


projected figures for the offices to plan for. DOE Oak Ridge will then conduct the workshop on the budget to get input from the public on project prioritization. The public workshop will be a more in-depth discussion of the projects that are underway on the ORR. Project managers will be on hand to discuss their projects in detail.

Adler said DOE would like to get a recommendation from ORSSAB on its views of project prioritization. Then DOE Oak Ridge will evaluate input from the public, ORSSAB, and the regulators, and develop a budget request and submit it to DOE Headquarters.

In fact, two budgets will be submitted. "Under an executive order we are required to ask for enough money to meet all of our

commitments," said Adler. "So we submit a budget that meets all of our commitments, but we are also required to submit a budget based on the guidelines we are given."

Once the budget request is made the budget development process is embargoed and "the next time we hear anything about it is when the President submits his budget to Congress," said Adler.

Next steps for ORSSAB will be to have as many members as possible attend the public workshop, and, through its EM & Stewardship Committee and Budget & Process Committee, draft a recommendation on the FY 2017 budget request to submit to DOE for consideration. 



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#### UPCOMING MEETINGS

##### ORSSAB Board meetings

April — no meeting.

May 13, 6 p.m., site to be determined.

June 10, 6 p.m., DOE Information Center, 1 Science.gov Way, Oak Ridge.

##### Committee Meetings

EM & Stewardship — April 15, 6 p.m.

EM & Stewardship — May 20, 6 p.m.

#### ABBREVIATIONS

DOE — Department of Energy

EM — Environmental Management

ETTP — East Tennessee Technology Park

ORR — Oak Ridge Reservation

ORSSAB — Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board

Y-12 — Y-12 National Security Complex

