

Oak Ridge Reservation Communities Alliance  
FY 2018 Quarterly Report for the Period  
January 1 thru March 31, 2018

A number of activities in support of the ORRCA grant scope of work took place during this **third quarter** of the FY18 grant period.

**Q2 Activities in Support of the Scope of Services:**

**A.2. The Grantee shall support implementation of the Tennessee Oversight Interlocal Agreement (TOIA)**

ORRCA member jurisdictions continued to conduct outreach and educational activities to the public and potentially affected local governments.

**A. 3. The Grantee shall promote local government involvement and public awareness in the continued operations of the Oak Ridge Reservation facilities, including, but not limited to the environmental restoration process.**

The quarterly DOE/TEMA emergency response planning meeting scheduled for January 17<sup>th</sup> was canceled due to a weather incident. Member jurisdictions had requested a discussion item to update DOE's March 2014 publication on "What to do if an emergency occurs on the Oak Ridge Reservation."

ORRCA members held their quarterly business meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup> at the TDEC office in Oak Ridge. Public notice of the meeting was provided to local media outlets, and the meeting was open to the public.

A majority of member jurisdictions attended the meeting, constituting a quorum for decision-making purposes. Staff from the member jurisdictions presented meeting minutes, and financial and administrative activity reports, which were approved by ORRCA members. DOE representatives gave updates on projects and recent activities, as did TDEC and the Roane County Environmental Review Board. Meeting minutes, along with other information about ORRCA has been posted on the website <http://www.orrca.tn.gov>.

Several additional matters were discussed:

- During a breakout session on *Cleanup of the Oak Ridge Reservation* at the DOE Intergovernmental Meeting held in November 2017, ORRCA members, DOE EM and TDEC Leadership agreed that ORRCA would serve as a primary point of contact for local government and community engagement on matters related to the Environmental Management Program.

- TDEC's Intern gave a presentation on the results of monitoring data collected at ETP Outfalls.

**A.4. The Grantee shall disseminate accurate and factual information concerning present or proposed activities related to continued operations of the Oak Ridge Reservation facilities.**

Several member jurisdictions participated in DOE's Environmental Management meeting in Nevada held in coordination with the Energy Communities Alliance. Topics were timely included the possible reclassification of some of DOE's waste that could potentially impact treatment and disposition at various sites across the DOE complex, including the Oak Ridge Reservation. Participants toured the Nevada Nuclear Security Site, including waste management areas where mercury-contaminated and other mixed and radioactive waste could be dispositioned.

**A.5. The Grantee shall identify local concerns and issues relevant to the operation of the Oak Ridge Reservation and environs and present concerns to the State of Tennessee and the Department of Energy during the selection of annual work and budget priorities.**

ORCCA members continued to engage with the State and DOE to improve communication understanding of local government and community concerns. The process related to informal and formal disputes among DOE, EPA Region 4 and TDEC is complex, and member jurisdictions continued to request a seat at the table during these discussions. ORCCA member jurisdictions continued to monitor the dispute process regarding the proposed nuclear waste landfill, construction of the Mercury Treatment Facility at Y-12, disposition of mercury-contaminated waste, infrastructure and other activities related to the transition of the East Tennessee Technology Park (ETTP), Fish Advisories in member jurisdictions, ongoing operation of the Environmental Management Waste Management Facility (EMWMF), the proposed Environmental Management Disposal Facility (EMDF), and disposition of DOE's volume of transuranic waste (TRU) stored in Oak Ridge, which is planned for shipment to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) in New Mexico.

**A.6. The Grantee shall prepare special studies and reports, as needed, to educate local officials and further public information.**

During this quarter staff from member jurisdictions met to work on publications and materials to improve communications and the public's understanding of the natural and community assets in the Oak Ridge region, including the Manhattan Project National Historical Park.