

Oak Ridge Reservation Communities Alliance
FY 2018 Quarterly Report for the Period
April 1 thru June 30, 2018

A number of activities in support of the ORRCA grant scope of work took place during this **fourth 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. Local officials who have been appointed to fill vacancies in member jurisdictions were provided briefings on ORRCA's purpose and scope of work. With the changes made to the agreements between the State of Tennessee (TDEC and TEMA) and DOE, timely communication with ORRCA members is important to assess potential impacts to the TOIA.

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.

ORRCA member jurisdictions participated in the quarterly DOE/TEMA emergency response planning meeting held on April 11th at the Joint Information Center. Changes to emergency response grant requirements may reduce the ability of some affected local governments from participating in training, exercises, and response related to the continued operation of the Oak Ridge Reservation. Several meetings were held related to DOE EM's compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act and the Manhattan Project National Historical Park to review and work on (1) exhibits and construction at the K-25 History Center to be located in Oak Ridge Fire Station 4 at the East Tennessee Technology Park; (2) the K-25 Overlook project and (3) a teleconference meeting among the three Manhattan Project communities, DOE EM/Legacy Management and the National Park Service to discuss issues related to balancing national park activities with ongoing environmental restoration work.

ORRCA members held their quarterly business meeting on June 18th 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 financial and administrative activity reports, which were approved by ORRCA members. A DOE representative gave a brief update on projects and recent activities, as did the Roane County Environmental Review Board Chair. The FY19 Work Plan for ORRCA was approved by unanimous vote. Meeting minutes, along with other information about

ORRCA has been posted on the website <http://www.orrcatn.com>.

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 the Energy Communities' Alliance Annual meeting, where DOE EM officials were featured speakers. This meeting was particularly beneficial and timely, as it focused on issues of importance to the new EM leadership. Members were able to discuss issues related to the ongoing cleanup of the Oak Ridge Reservation.

During this quarter staff from member jurisdictions worked with counterparts at Hanford and Los Alamos to improve public understanding of the EM issues related to the Manhattan Project National Historical Park. A new website will be launched in the near future to enhance public understanding of these issues.

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 understanding of local government and community concerns related to cleanup issues. Projects of priority of interest to ORRCA member jurisdictions continue to include: construction of the Mercury Treatment Facility at Y-12, groundwater remediation, infrastructure and other activities related to the eventual 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), disposition of elemental mercury and debris contaminated with mercury, and shipments of TRU waste stored in Oak Ridge 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.

A significant amount of time was dedicated to the review of DOE's Proposed Plan for a new low level radioactive waste landfill proposed for construction in Oak Ridge. Technical reviews of the proposed plan by the City of Oak Ridge and the City's citizen Environmental Quality Advisory Board were transmitted to DOE and TDEC. The reviews identified a number of technical and socioeconomic issues that need to be resolved prior to the issuance of a revised Proposed Plan, including technical results from site studies, development of Waste Acceptance Criteria, and rationale for proposed waivers from regulations.