

TENNESSEE OVERSIGHT INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT (TOIA)

Among the Counties of Anderson, Knox, Morgan, Roane, along with the City of Oak Ridge, to Cooperate on Issues Related to the U.S. Department of Energy’s Environmental Management Program and Emergency Management Activities, and to be recognized as the Oak Ridge Reservation Communities Alliance

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Oversight Agreement (TOA) was established between the State of Tennessee (State) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in May 1991 to assure the citizens of Tennessee that their health, safety and environment are being protected by DOE; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Oversight Agreement expired on November 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, a new agreement between the State and DOE, including the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), entitled the Oak Ridge Reservation Environmental Surveillance Oversight Agreement (ESO Agreement) was signed in November 2018 for a term to expire on June 30, 2023. The ESO Agreement states that the DOE and the State commit to maintaining a direct and open relationship with local governments, such as engagement with the Oak Ridge Reservation Communities Alliance (ORRCA); and

WHEREAS, the affected local governments which comprise ORRCA for the purpose of ESO Agreement implementation are the counties of Anderson, Knox, Morgan, Roane, and the City of Oak Ridge; and

WHEREAS, although each jurisdiction fully reserves the right to pursue its own interests, through communication, cooperation, and joint utilization of resources, the Mayors and County Executives of the affected local governments comprising ORRCA desire to meet on a regular basis regarding DOE or State activities requiring local government action or participation pursuant to the ESO Agreement and related environmental management and emergency management activities.

I. PURPOSE

This **Tennessee Oversight Interlocal Agreement (TOIA)** is established among the affected local government jurisdictions for the purpose of implementing the ESO Agreement and related environmental management and emergency management activities. The affected local governments constitute the Oak Ridge Reservation Communities Alliance (ORRCA). The objective of the Tennessee Oversight Interlocal Agreement is to provide:

- A. A mechanism for ongoing review and study of DOE’s current and planned environmental programs at the Oak Ridge Reservation (ORR);
- B. A forum for local governments and citizens to communicate about environmental issues and public concerns related to the ORR;
- C. A forum to enhance emergency management planning and training related to the ORR;
- D. Position statements, as needed, pertaining to policies, projects, issues and studies related to the ORR.

II. **PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT**

The Parties to the Agreement shall be the local governments most directly affected by the implementation of the ESO Agreement and related environmental management and emergency management activities. These are: (1) Anderson County; (2) Knox County; (3) Morgan County; (4) Roane County; and (5) the City of Oak Ridge. Collectively, these local governments shall constitute the Oak Ridge Reservation Communities Alliance (ORRCA).

III. **ORGANIZATION**

A. Board of Mayors/Executives

Upon the execution of this agreement, a Board of Mayors/Executives is herein created (Board). This Board consist of the Mayors of each affected local government and the Roane County Executive and the Morgan County Executive.

B. Officers

There shall be a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson elected from among the Board to serve one-year terms effective January 1 of each year.

IV. **OPERATION**

- A. The Board shall meet annually to approve a budget and work program for the coming year, and at least once per quarter thereafter, and at other times as needed. Meetings shall be open to the public.
- B. The Board shall take recommendations and establish agenda items from their respective local government jurisdictions, including Environmental Review Boards and the public.
- C. The Board shall work with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA), DOE, member governments, and other agencies and local government jurisdictions on matters related to health, safety, the environment, and emergency management preparedness.
- D. The Board may establish subcommittees from time to time to study and report on issues.
- E. Each Board Member has an equal vote on all issues. Each Board Member shall be entitled to appoint a proxy as needed in the event of his/her absence at a meeting. Should a Board Member or proxy be unable to attend a meeting in person, an electronic vote, or other written or voice communication from the Board Member or proxy may be accepted as a valid vote of the Board Member.

V. **ADMINISTRATION**

The Board shall appoint a Fiscal Agent (FA), which shall be a governmental entity. The FA shall:

- A. Receive a fee for management of the grant(s) related to implementation of the TOIA, as approved by the Board;
- B. Receive, distribute, and report financial activities related to the grant(s) to the Board, State, and public;
- C. Disburse funds under the direction of an annual budget and/or approval of the expenditures by the Board;
- D. Assist in the preparation and maintenance of all minutes and records of the Board;
- E. Assist with meeting logistics and distribution of materials.

VI. **DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT**

This agreement shall be effective when signed by the participating jurisdictions and shall continue through June 30, 2023. The term of this agreement may be extended thereafter with the written approval of the participating jurisdictions.

VII. **AMENDMENT**

This Agreement may be amended by a majority vote of the Board.

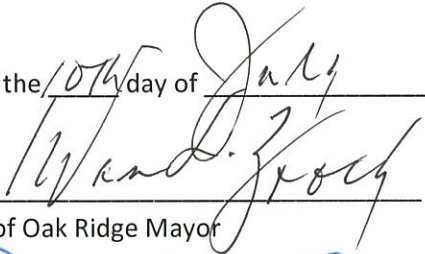
VIII. **WITHDRAWAL**

At any time a local government jurisdiction may withdraw from this agreement by providing written notification to the Board.


This Interlocal Agreement is signed by the Agreed Parties this the 10th day of July, 2019.



Anderson County Mayor



City of Oak Ridge Mayor



Knox County Mayor



Morgan County Executive



Roane County Executive