



Many Voices Working for the Community

Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board

July 19, 2001

Honorable Donald Sundquist, Governor
State of Tennessee
State Capital, First Floor
Nashville, TN 37243-0001

Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board Objections to Reductions in the DOE FY 2002 Federal Budget for the Oak Ridge Reservation Environmental Management Program

Honorable Governor Sundquist:

Based on the best available current information, proposed funding for the Department of Energy (DOE) Oak Ridge Operations Environmental Management Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2002 (enclosed) has been cut significantly from FY 2001 levels. These cuts threaten the effectiveness of the Tennessee Department for Environment and Conservation (TDEC) DOE Oversight Division and would necessitate the re-negotiation of Federal Facility Agreement cleanup milestones.

We believe that State oversight of DOE activities is essential in assuring the residents of Oak Ridge and neighboring communities that independent monitoring is occurring on and off site. Therefore, Oak Ridge area stakeholders are opposed to these budget reductions and would ask the State to hold firm and not let DOE back off on its previous commitments to its FY 2002 remediation goals.

We urge you to insist that the \$91 million taken from the Oak Ridge Reservation's Environmental Management budget be restored to allow projects planned in FY 2002 to continue. We also ask that you request adequate funding of the TDEC DOE Oversight Division and the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency in order for those agencies to perform this essential work.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Luther V. Gibson, Jr." in a cursive style.

Luther V. Gibson, Jr.
Chair

Enclosure

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FY 2002 President's Request Budget Summary
for DOE EM ORO & ORR (\$000s)*

<u>Site</u>	<u>Total FY 2002</u>	<u>Total FY 2001</u>	<u>Change</u>
ETTP	\$118,505	\$151,500	\$(32,995)
ORNL	\$ 54,939	\$ 98,700	\$(43,761)
Y-12	\$ 43,541	\$ 42,000	\$ 1,541
Waste Disposition	\$ 86,468	\$ 86,700	\$(232)
Other	\$ 19,004	\$ 23,800	\$(4,796)
Conversion	\$ 10,000	\$ 21,000	\$(11,000)
OR Subtotal	\$332,457	\$423,700	\$(91,243)
Paducah	\$ 72,982	\$ 86,300	\$(13,318)
Portsmouth	\$201,096	\$ 87,900	\$ 113,196
Weldon Spring	\$ 43,000	\$ 53,000	\$(10,000)
Subtotal	\$317,078	\$227,200	\$ 89,878
TOTAL	\$649,535	\$650,900	\$ (1,365)

*Note: excludes privatization and safeguards and security.

FY02 President's Budget for DOE EM ORR

Ē Fully funded

- C Infrastructure/S&M
- C Pre-existing Liabilities
- C Waste Operations/Storage
- C Budget Challenges/Litigation/Liabilities*
- C Mixed LLW Disposition (STP Milestones)
- C TRU Program
- C EMWMF Operations

Ē Partially funded

- C MSRE
- C BNFL (K-29/31/33 D&D)

*Note: not included in President's budget.

FY 2002 President's Budget Issues & Impacts

È National Impacts & Issues

- C Overall EM budget reduction of 5.5% was not distributed evenly across the complex; EM budget was prioritized on the basis of reducing high-risk activities and maintaining closure at key sites.
- C Lower risk/lower priority environmental restoration activities (soil and ground water remediation) at most sites will be deferred.
- C Deactivation and decommissioning of excess facilities at most sites is curtailed. This will prolong mortgage costs.
- C Infrastructure at most sites will continue to degrade. This will lead to future maintenance costs and increased safety concerns.

È ORR Remedial Actions Impacted

- C ETTP - stopped
- C ORNL - stopped
- C Y-12 - stopped
- C Offsite - stopped
- C EMWMF - waste loading eliminated
- C Decision documents - stopped

È ORR D&D Impacted

- C ETTP - stopped (except BNFL at significantly reduced levels)
- C ORNL - stopped (except MSRE at significantly reduced levels)

È Adverse Budget Consequences at ORR - Summary

- C Eliminates most ER work at Oak Ridge
- C Cuts will exacerbate Tennessee's concerns about state equity
- C Funding for BNFL is reduced, thereby delaying completion
- C All other decommissioning projects are delayed
- C Significant amounts of planned soil and ground water remediation at Y-12, ORNL, and ETTP are being deferred.

Potential Impacts of FY 2002 DOE EM Budget Reductions on ORR Cleanup

FY 2002 PLANNED WORK

Continuing Work

Base Operations
Legacy MLLW Disposition
TRU Treatment Contract Support
EMWMF Operations
BV Corehole 8 Plume Source
BV Metal Recovery Facility
K-1070 C/D G Pit and Concrete Pad
K29/K31/K33
MSRE D&D
ETTP Main Plant Area Facilities D&D
ORNL Main Plant Surface Impoundments
BV Inactive Tanks & Pipelines
ORNL Small Facilities D&D
Spent Nuclear Fuels
BCV S-3 Ponds
Reduction of Mercury in Plant Effluents

New Work

ETTP K-1070-A Contaminated Burial Ground
ETTP Powerhouse Area RA
ETTP K-25/K-27 Buildings D&D
ETTP Balance of Site Facilities D&D
ETTP Zone 1 ROD
ETTP K-770 Scrap
ETTP Zone 2 ROD
ETTP Release Areas
ETTP K-31/K-33 Rabbit Ears Facilities D&D
ORNL Burial Grounds SWSA 4
MV Hydrofracture D&D (NHF)
BV Groundwater Action
ORNL Soils & Sediments
MV TRU Waste Disposal Sites
MV Hydrofracture D&D
ORNL Non-HF Well P&A
BCV Boneyard/Burnyard
Atomic City Auto Parts
David Witherspoon, Inc. 901 Site
David Witherspoon, Inc. 1630 Site
BCV ROD - Phase 1
UEFPC ROD - Phase 1
UEFPC In-situ Remediation - Line Yard

FY 2002 PRESIDENT'S BUDGET

Continuing Work

Base Operations
Legacy MLLW Disposition
TRU Treatment Contract Support
BV Corehole 8 Plume Source
BV Metal Recovery Facility
K-1070 C/D G Pit and Concrete Pad

Reduced Work

K29/K31/K33 (partially funded)
MSRE D&D (partially funded)
EMWMF Operations (lack of volume)

Eliminated Work

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ETTP Main Plant Area Facilities D&D
ETTP Powerhouse Area RA
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