

Many Voices Working for the Community

Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board

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Mr. Gary S. Hartman Cultural Resources Management Coordinator U.S. Department of Energy -Oak Ridge Operations P.O. Box 2001, SE 30-1 Oak Ridge, TN 37831

REQUEST FOR THE OAK RIDGE SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD TO BE INCLUDED AS A CONSULTING PARTY IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION DECISIONS

Dear Mr. Hartman:

The Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board (ORSSAB) formally requests to be included as a consulting party in all historic preservation decisions for the Oak Ridge Reservation (ORR).

Our Environmental Restoration Committee was briefed about the National Historic Preservation Act Consultation Meeting in April and as a result has identified the historic preservation of land mark buildings as a potential topic for their annual work plan for the upcoming year. Previously, the committee had expressed an interest in the historic preservation of the K-25 and K-27 Buildings and had selected Mr. Norman Mulvenon as the task team leader for this issue. In this capacity, he had attended the April National Historic Preservation Act Consultation Meeting, the walk-through of the K-25 Building as historical artifacts were identified, and the recent meeting held July 23.

The ORSSAB is a volunteer citizens' panel composed of up to 20 members, chosen to reflect the diversity of gender, race, occupation, and interests of persons living near the ORR. Non-voting members include representatives from the Department of Energy (DOE) -Oak Ridge Operations; the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. These members advise the Board on their respective agency's policies and views. In addition, the Board has two non-voting student representatives.

The ORSSAB is dedicated to provide advice and recommendations to the DOE on its ORR Environmental (EM) program regarding environmental restoration, waste management, stewardship, and economic development of specified areas; recommendations concerning health and safety, environmental justice, and other topics may be included as the Board determines appropriate. The Board is also committed to serving as a communication link between the public and the relevant government agencies. The group was formed and chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act in 1995.

Please provide us with a written response to let us know if we may have an ORSSAB representative included as a consulting party as historic preservation decisions are being made for the ORR.

Sincerely,

(for) David V. Mosby

Chair

Cc: Gerald Boyd, DOE-ORO

Pat Halsey, DOE-ORO Connie Jones, EPA Region 4

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