



Inside Oak Ridge



**Oak Ridge Office
60th Anniversary
Celebration**

1947 - 2007

October 2007

This issue is Dedicated to the Oak Ridge Office 60th Anniversary Celebration



Excerpt from Gerald Boyd's comments at the 60th Anniversary Celebration:

On January 1, 1947, the AEC officially took over as the successor agency to the Manhattan Engineer District of the U.S. War Department, and on September 15, 1947, the Oak Ridge Operations Office was officially established.

The very first manager of the Oak Ridge Operations Office, John Franklin, was an accomplished man who had already invested a good deal of time into the U.S. atomic energy effort. He was a brilliant man, but despite that brilliance, I would guess that he could not have imagined that we would be here 60 years later, or that so much would have been accomplished by the men and women who came after him.

I could stand here and cite hundreds of examples where Oak Ridge led the way over the last 60 years. I could be a little more reasonable and pick one thing for each decade. No matter how I presented that information to you, the answer to the question "How did we get to where we are today," is best answered by taking a look around you right now.

You'll see some folks you work with today. You'll see former managers of the Oak Ridge Office, and you'll see people who did your job 20, 30, or even 50 years ago, like Virginia Parker who retired in 1996 after 50 years of service. Or Jenny Rose, who worked at the Castle on the Hill from 1954 to 1957.

Each of you has one thing in common regardless of when you worked at the Oak Ridge Office. You paid the highest respect to those before you by continuing the tradition of getting the work done when it mattered most. It mattered most everyday, and today is no different.


Gerald Boyd, Manager

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U.S./World

1942

Declaration of United Nations signed in Washington

1943

Income tax withholding introduced

1944

Allies invade Normandy on D-Day

1945

United Nations is established

1949

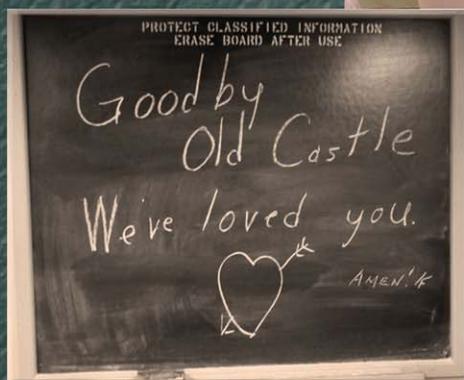
Start of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)

1951

Japanese peace treaty signed by 49 nations

1965

Medicare begins



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1942

General Groves decides to locate Oak Ridge site for Manhattan Project

1943

Construction begins on X-10, Y-12, and K-25 plants

1944

Government offices move from Town Hall to the "Castle on the Hill"

1945

End of World War II hastened by development of atomic bombs

1949

City gates are opened

1951

AEC signs Management Services Contract

1965

HFIR begins operation at ORNL

U.S./World

1969

*Apollo 11
astronauts take
man's first walk
on the moon*

1975

*President Ford
escapes two
assassination
attempts*

1977

*President
Carter pardons
Vietnam draft
evaders*

1984

*President
Regan
re-elected in
landslide with
59% of vote*

1986

*Space shuttle
Challenger
explodes after
launch at Cape
Canaveral,
killing all seven
aboard*

1987

*Prime Minister
Margaret
Thatcher wins
rare third term
in Britian*

1991

*U.S. and allies
at war with
Iraq*



Oak Ridge

1969

*New AEC
building
construction
begins*

1975

*Energy
Research and
Development
Administration
takes over from
AEC*

1977

*The
Department of
Energy assumes
operations*

1984

*Martin
Marietta
Energy Systems
replaces Union
Carbide*

1986

*The High
Temperature
Materials
Laboratory
completed at
ORNL*

1987

*Uranium
enrichment
operations
at K-25
permanently
shut down*

1991

*ORO starts
operation
of the TSCA
Incinerator at
K-25*

U.S./World

1994

Baseball owners end season and cancel World Series

1995

Oklahoma City Federal Building terrorist bombing

1996

FBI arrests suspected Unabomber

1997

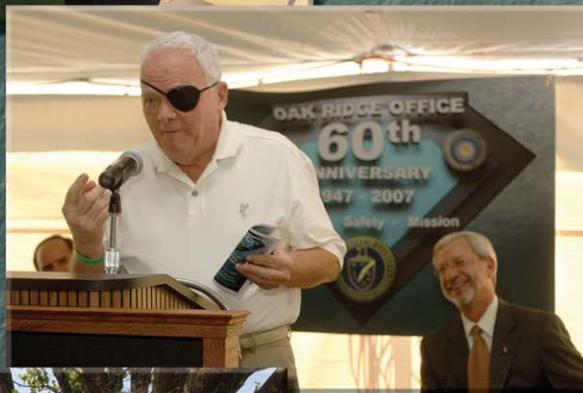
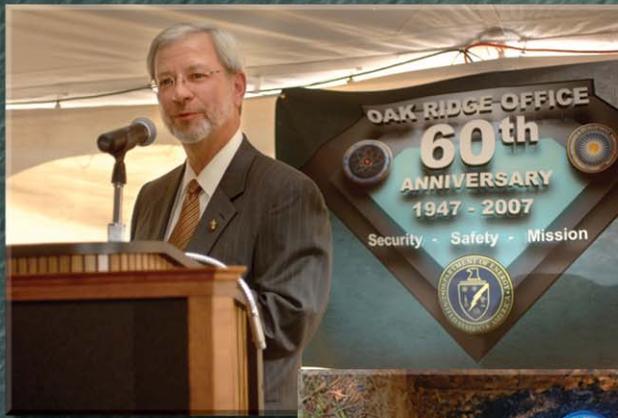
U.S. Appeals Court upholds California ban on affirmative action

1998

U.S. budget surplus largest in three decades

1999

World population reaches six billion



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1994

USEC assumes operation of Portsmouth and Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plants

1995

Martin Marietta and Lockheed merge to form Lockheed Martin Corp.

1996

Jim Hall establishes a Federal Task Force for industrialization DOE signs first industrialization lease

1997

K-25 Site is renamed East Tennessee Technology Park

1998

BNFL begins clean-up of three large uranium processing buildings at ETRP

1999

ORO selects architect-engineering/construction management for Spallation Neutron Source (SNS) project

U.S./World

2000

Mad Cow disease alarms Europe

2001

Terrorists attack America for the first time on U.S. soil

2002

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is created

2003

The U.S. and Britain launch war against Iraq

2004

Enormous tsunami devastates Asia, at least 225,000 killed

2005

Iraqi elections to select National Assembly

2006

Saddam Hussein is convicted of crimes against humanity

2007

North Korea agrees to disable Nuclear Fuel Plants



Oak Ridge

2000

Y-12 National Security Complex separates from ORO

2001

Resource Center for Energy Workers opens in Oak Ridge

2002

Weldon Springs Site project completion

2003

Oak Ridge Reservation payroll tops \$831 million and 12,800 employees

2004

President George W. Bush visits ORNL

2005

3,000 acre Black Oak Ridge Conservation Easement dedicated

2006

SNS completed, on time and within budget

2007

ORO celebrates 60th anniversary

1940's



Oak Ridge Operations



THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION WAS CREATED IN 1947 AND THE OAK RIDGE OPERATIONS OFFICE WAS CHARTERED WITH 950 EMPLOYEES TO MANAGE THE MASSIVE OAK RIDGE X-10, Y-12 AND K-25 FACILITIES IN OAK RIDGE FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF THE MANHATTAN PROJECT.

Castle on the Hill

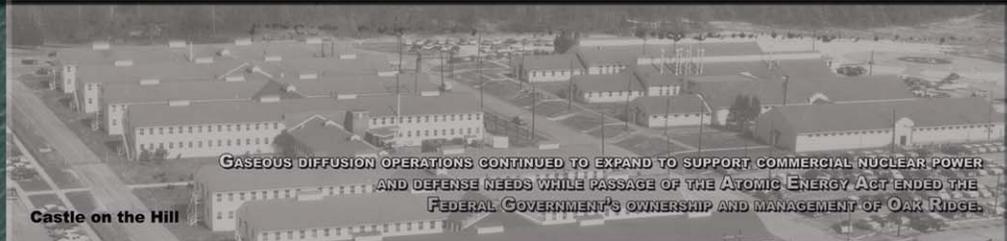


DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

1950's



Oak Ridge Operations



GASEOUS DIFFUSION OPERATIONS CONTINUED TO EXPAND TO SUPPORT COMMERCIAL NUCLEAR POWER AND DEFENSE NEEDS WHILE PASSAGE OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY ACT ENDED THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S OWNERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT OF OAK RIDGE.

Castle on the Hill



1960's



Oak Ridge Operations



Castle on the Hill



PRINCIPAL STAFF
U.S. ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION
OAK RIDGE OPERATIONS
JUNE - 1965
R. B. Reppert, Manager, Oak Ridge Operations; R. C. Armstrong, Assistant Manager for Operations; R. Y. Anderson, Area Manager, Reactor Area; J. D. Clark, Area Manager, Power Reactor Area; L. B. Hinkle, Deputy Manager, Oak Ridge Operations; John B. Moore, Assistant Manager for Administration; F. R. Beckler, Area Manager, 20, Laidlaw Area; D. S. Miller, Area Manager, Plutonium Area; Donald C. J. Hopkins, Area Manager, New Brunswick Area; C. T. Galt, Area Manager, Chemical Area; R. F. Brown, Assistant Manager Construction and Engineering.



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Honored Visitors

From national celebrities to United States Presidents, over the past 60 years the Oak Ridge Office was honored to have hosted many famous visitors to the Oak Ridge Facilities. Some of those famous faces range from John F. and Jacqueline Kennedy, Eleanor Roosevelt, the Queen of England, King of Jordan, Reverend Billy Graham, then-Senator Al Gore, Sr., Ambassador Howard Baker, Lamar Alexander, Walter Cronkite, George Bush Sr., and Governor Phil Bredesen.



1970's



Oak Ridge Operations



OUR NATION'S EMPHASIS ON ENERGY SUPPLY PLACED OAK RIDGE IN THE FOREFRONT OF THE ENERGY CRISIS WITH THE CREATION OF THE ENERGY RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION AND, SUBSEQUENTLY, THE CABINET-LEVEL DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY IN 1977.

Federal Building

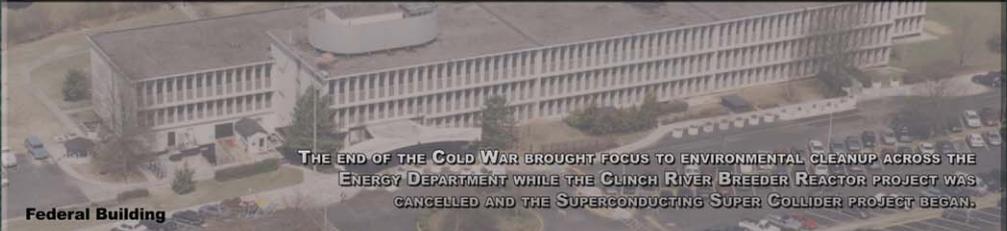


DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

1980's



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THE END OF THE COLD WAR BROUGHT FOCUS TO ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP ACROSS THE ENERGY DEPARTMENT WHILE THE CLINCH RIVER BREEDER REACTOR PROJECT WAS CANCELLED AND THE SUPERCONDUCTING SUPER COLLIDER PROJECT BEGAN.

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1990's

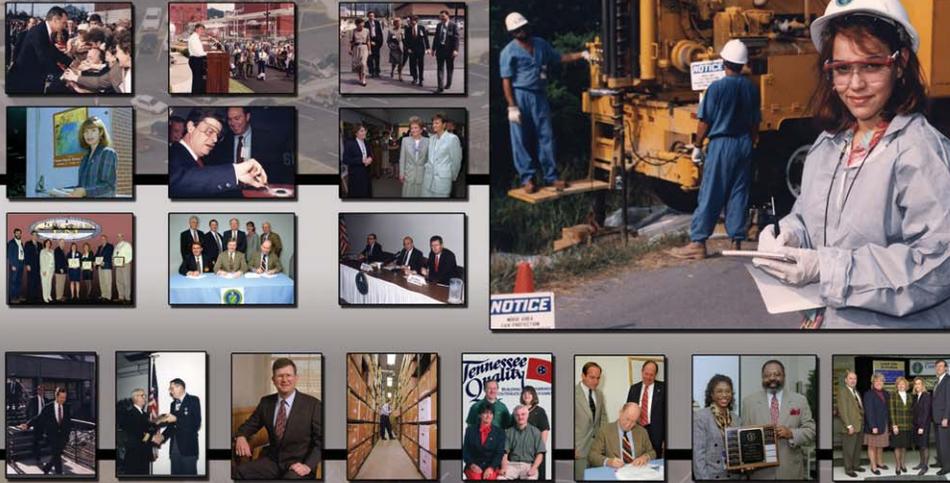


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SCIENCE AND NATIONAL SECURITY REMAINED KEY OAK RIDGE MISSIONS WITH ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP OF THE OAK RIDGE RESERVATION AND REINDUSTRIALIZATION OF THE EAST TENNESSEE TECHNOLOGY PARK SERVING AS TOP PRIORITIES.

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Presidential Visits



1959
John F. Kennedy (35th President), then Senator, with Jacqueline Kennedy and Alvin Weinberg, then ORNL Director



1965
Gerald Ford (38th President), then Congressman, with (left) Congressman Duncan and Clarence Larson, President of Union Carbide



2004
President George W. Bush (43rd President)



1978
President Jimmy Carter (39th President) with then Senator Al Gore, Jr.



1992
President George H. W. Bush (41st President)

2000's



Oak Ridge Operations



THE SPALLATION NEUTRON SOURCE WAS DEDICATED UNDER OAK RIDGE OFFICE LEADERSHIP WHILE THE OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LABORATORY WAS MODERNIZED TO ENABLE EXPANSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S SCIENCE MISSION TO SERVE OUR NATION.

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LAMAR ALEXANDER
TENNESSEE



September 20, 2007

Dear Gerald,

Congratulations on celebrating the 60th anniversary of the U.S. Department of Energy's Oak Ridge Office. As ORO manager, you are responsible for a long and distinguished legacy of excellence and national service. I'm proud of you and your staff's success stories - from the recovery and storage of special nuclear materials from around the world to leadership in strategic areas such as supercomputing, energy technologies, and the discovery of new, high-performance materials.

I know you'll experience similar success as you rise to the challenge of putting into action many of the new programs authorized in the America COMPETES Act. Very best wishes as you continue to help prepare our nation for a bright future.

Sincerely,

Mr. Gerald Boyd
Manager, Oak Ridge Operations
Department of Energy
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, during World War II, one of the most remarkable communities and industrial areas in the world came into being on a site in Tennessee where only oak and pine trees dotting small farms had been before; it was named Oak Ridge; and

WHEREAS, under the code name of Manhattan Engineer District, Oak Ridge became the headquarters of the United States' military atomic energy project, a program directed from the Oak Ridge area offices in Paducah, Portsmouth, St. Louis, Fernald and New Brunswick; in other words, Oak Ridge not only made its mark in Tennessee, but in other states throughout the United States; and subsequent deaths of former uranium fuel materials plants; and

WHEREAS, the nation's atomic energy program continued to be directed from Oak Ridge until the headquarters of the new Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) was established in Washington, D.C. in 1947, at which time Oak Ridge assumed the position of a major field installation of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, by the mid 1960's, the ORO had 900 employees and was also responsible for established, clearly demonstrated, the AEC's commitment to the incorporation of the City of Oak Ridge; and Oak Ridge; in fact, the ORO served a crucial role in the incorporation of the City of Oak Ridge; and

WHEREAS, with the passage of 60 years, the ORO has a proud tradition of supporting the Oak Ridge to acquire a preeminent national role and people who have brought to one of the most diverse field offices in the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS, that tradition of leadership, coupled with the talented workforce of today, ensures that Oak Ridge will continue to contribute to important projects benefiting our nation in the years ahead.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE, that Wednesday, September 12, 2007 be proclaimed

DOE OAK RIDGE OFFICE DAY

in the City of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and that all citizens be urged to join in the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the office that is now the U. S. Department of Energy's Oak Ridge Office in recognition of its major contributions to the scientific and national security needs of our great nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Oak Ridge to be affixed, this 10th day of September in the year 2007.

MAYOR



Resolution U.S. Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations 60th Anniversary

Founded in rich, historical traditions as strong as the mighty oak; for which our city was named, and building on decades of innovation and ingenuity that have forever changed the world in which we live, generations of people have left their mark on Oak Ridge.

Oak Ridge Generations of Innovators, an initiative of the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce, celebrates the collective contributions of those organizations and individuals who possess positive change in our city and beyond through creativity, ingenuity, and personal sacrifice.

- WHEREAS the U.S. Department of Energy's Oak Ridge Operations Office is celebrating its 60th Anniversary in September 2007;
- WHEREAS the office's establishment in 1947 showed the Atomic Energy Commission's commitment to the town, later city, of Oak Ridge;
- WHEREAS the Oak Ridge Operations office played a crucial role in the incorporation of the City of development in Oak Ridge and the surrounding area;
- WHEREAS the U.S. Department of Energy and its contractors are the largest employers in the region, thereby contributing to the overall economic well-being of the entire East Tennessee region;
- WHEREAS the Oak Ridge Office encourages the addition of new missions and programs and necessary funding to support them;
- WHEREAS the U.S. Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office serves as an excellent example of the Chamber's Generations of Innovation initiative;
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, offers our enthusiastic congratulations and appreciation to the U.S. Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations Office for 60 years of commitment to the Oak Ridge community and its quality of life.

Adopted this 12th day of September, 2007.
Ben Andrews
Chairman of Board

Parler Hardy
President/CEO