Providing advice and recommendations to the U.S. Department of Energy Environmental Management Program since 1995.

Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board

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Who We Are

The Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board (ORSSAB) is an independent, federally appointed citizens' panel that provides advice and recommendations to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on its Environmental Management Program in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The board also serves as a communication link between the public and DOE.

The board was formed in 1995 and is composed of 20 members, chosen to reflect the diversity of gender, race, occupation, views, and interests of persons living near the DOE Oak Ridge Reservation.

What Our Mission Is

ORSSAB members study issues related to DOE's Environmental Management Program on important topics such as cleanup activities and standards, land use and reindustrialization, stewardship, budgets, and waste management.

ORSSAB serves as a communications link by providing opportunity for the public to participate in ORSSAB meetings; by sponsoring public meetings on cleanup topics; and by making information available to the public through the ORSSAB web site, newsletter, outreach presentations, and other avenues.

How We Make a Difference

Since 1995, ORSSAB has made over 150 recommendations to DOE on important aspects of the cleanup program, from broad policy statements to the nuts and bolts of cleanup actions and document reviews.

Through its educational initiatives, ORSSAB helps inform and involve students in cleanup program activities by:

- Seating two high school students on the board each year
- Making presentations to area schools
- Creating tools for educators, such as the Stewardship Education Resource Kit and the Information Resource Guide