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Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board

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Advisory Board Applauds Outgoing Chair

The Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board (ORSSAB) said ‘thank you and best wishes’ to its outgoing chair Maggie Owen at its September meeting. Owen completed two two-year terms on the board, serving as chair during the last year of her second term.

“Since Maggie’s appointment in 2008 she’s been a valuable contributor to the board, dedicating an exceptional amount of time to the Environmental Management (EM), Stewardship, Board Finance & Process, Public Outreach, and Executive committees,” said Susan Cange, deputy manager for the Department of Energy’s Oak Ridge EM program and the deputy designated federal officer to the board. “She’s been an outstanding ambassador for the board by attending number of meetings and conferences. On behalf of DOE I thank you for your dedication to ORSSAB. I hope you’ll be returning and participating in the board’s committees as a member of the public.”



Susan Cange, DOE, right, presents a plaque to Maggie Owen, outgoing chair of the Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board, thanking her for her service to the board.

Owen decided not to pursue a third term in order to devote more time to another organization that is important to her – the Emory Valley Center. The center, located in Oak Ridge, serves individuals with developmental disabilities from Anderson and surrounding counties. “I’ve been involved with the center since 1995 and I’ve always tried to do things for them, but in the last year I’ve really become more involved,” she said. She offers her talents teaching art classes, and doing things like organizing proms, updating rooms at the center, and coordinating the receiving and distribution of clothes and shoes to the center’s clients.

“It’s truly been an honor to have been a member of ORSSAB these last four years,” said Owen. “I don’t know of a group of people that are more dedicated to the community and the environment. It’s been an amazing experience for me. I hope someday, when my life slows down a little, I can return and complete the third, and final, two-year term.”

ORSSAB is a federally chartered citizens’ panel that provides recommendations to the DOE’s Oak Ridge EM Program.

The ORSSAB meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m., at the DOE Information Center at 1.Science.gov Way in Oak Ridge. Information about the board is available on the internet at www.oakridge.doe.gov/em/ssab or by calling (865) 241-4583 or 241-4584.