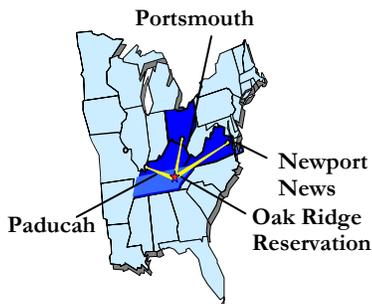
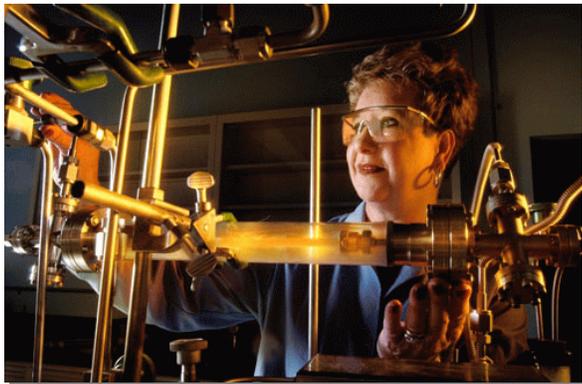


FACT SHEET

U. S. Department of Energy Oak Ridge Operations



Oak Ridge Operations is very diverse, with major programs in science, environmental management, assets utilization and uranium programs. ORO also provides support to programs at the Y-12 National Security Complex. We are based in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and are responsible for managing DOE facilities in Kentucky, Ohio, and Virginia. ORO is one of eight major DOE operations offices located across the United States.



LOCATION: Oak Ridge, Tennessee, on a 33,750-acre site located in Anderson and Roane counties. ORO also includes the Paducah and

Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plants and Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility in Newport News, Virginia.

BACKGROUND: ORO is rich in history, dating back to World War II when the organization played a major role in the production of materials for the Manhattan Project. Since then ORO has expanded far beyond that first mission and today is responsible for major DOE programs that are performed at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) and the East Tennessee Technology Park (ETTP). Oak Ridge is also home to the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE). DOE's Oak Ridge programs are the largest source of employment for the greater Knoxville-Oak Ridge metropolitan area. In addition, ORO provides support to national security activities managed by the National Nuclear Security Administration at the Y-12 National Security Complex.

MAJOR PROGRAMS: The **Science** program includes basic and applied research to advance the nation's energy resources, environmental quality, scientific knowledge, and contribute to science education. **Environmental Management** is the

largest Oak Ridge program, with cleanup programs underway to correct the legacies remaining from more than 50 years of weapons production and energy research activities. The **Assets Utilization** program was begun to accelerate the pace of the cleanup work in Oak Ridge. DOE is leasing out idle but valuable building space, equipment, materials and land parcels to private companies. The **Uranium programs** include managing and facilitating the maintenance and disposition of DOE's excess uranium inventories.



Gerald Boyd

ORO MANAGER: Gerald Boyd became the Manager of ORO in January 2003. Prior to this position, he served as ORO's Assistant Manager for Environmental Management. Before coming to ORO, Boyd served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Science and Technology in the Office of Environmental Management at DOE Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

NEW OAK RIDGE INITIATIVES: The Spallation Neutron Source, an accelerator-based neutron source, is 50 percent completed. It will provide the most intense pulsed neutron beams in the world for scientific research and development and is to be completed by 2006.

The Homeland Defense Equipment Reuse Program, a pilot program spearheaded by a partnership between DOE and the Department of Homeland Security, was recently awarded a National Pollution Prevention award. This program makes excess radiological detection equipment available to emergency response and security agencies in U.S. cities.

STAFF: 453 DOE and 13,000 contractor employees.

BUDGET: The FY 2003 budget is \$2.5 billion.

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