

OAK RIDGE RESERVATION SUBMITS HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT POST CLOSURE PERMIT RENEWAL APPLICATION

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Division of Solid Waste Management (DSWM) received a Part A and Part B hazardous waste management permit application from the Oak Ridge Reservation (ORR) for the renewal of the current hazardous waste corrective action permit (TNHW-164). The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is the owner and operator of ORR. United Cleanup Oak Ridge LLC (UCOR), Consolidated Nuclear Security, LLC (CNS), UT-Battelle, LLC (UT-B), and LATA-Atkins Technical Services, LLC (LATS) are co-operators of ORR. This facility (EPA ID TN3890090001, TN0890090004, and TN1890090003) is located in Roane and Anderson Counties, Tennessee, at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831. (see map).

The current permit, TNHW-164, was issued on September 15, 2015, and was effective for ten (10) years. Because the facility submitted their Part B renewal application at least 180 days before the current permit was set to expire, the Tennessee Hazardous Waste Management Regulations allow the facility to continue to operate under the current permit until another permit is issued or denied. If renewed, the permit will allow the facility to continue to operate and maintain the hazardous waste landfill for an additional ten years.

The current permit, TNHW-164, requires the permittee to perform corrective action, monitoring, and investigation of any releases of hazardous waste or hazardous constituents at the facility, regardless of the time at which waste was placed in a unit, and to take appropriate corrective action for any such releases. The permit also requires the permittee to comply with all land disposal restrictions and air emission standards applicable to the facility and to notify the Commissioner of imminent hazards. Regular inspections are required to ensure that the institutional controls are being maintained. The facility is required to report annually on all sampling, maintenance, and inspection activities performed at the site.

Prior to submitting their Part B application on August 20, 2025, the facility held a Pre-Application Public Meeting on July 9, 2025, with a public notice issued on June 4, 2025, as required by Tennessee Rule 0400-12-01-.07(1)(m). Nineteen (19) attendees from the public attended the July 9, 2025, meeting. Four written comments were received during the comment period. The public will have another opportunity to comment when DSWM completes its review.

As set forth in the Regulations, a complete permit application, consisting of a Part A and a Part B, must include certain text, drawings, and other information adequate to demonstrate that the facility will comply with the various technical and administrative standards applicable to such a facility. Evaluation of the renewal application involves an in-depth review of the application materials by DSWM staff and subsequent correspondence between DSWM and the facility, identifying and correcting any deficiencies in the submitted information.

Once it determines the application is complete, DSWM will make a tentative decision to either grant or deny the permit and issue either a draft permit or a notice of intent to deny the permit. Public Notice will be given of this tentative decision, and the public will have at least 45 days to submit written comments on the draft permit/proposed action. A public hearing, if requested, may

also be held to receive public comments within this public comment period. After considering the public comments received and making any appropriate revisions, the DSWM director will issue a final permit decision to either issue a final permit or terminate the existing permit. A Response to Comments will also be issued at that time.

Electronic copies of the application are available online at [Waste Notices & Hearings](#), in the Permitting Notices – Informational section, and at the DSWM Central Office on the 7th Floor of the Davy Crockett Tower, 500 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, TN 37243 (615-532-0780). Paper copies are available for review at DSWM's Knoxville Environmental Field Office, 3711 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville, TN 37921 (865-594-6035).

Further information on this matter may be obtained by contacting Mr. Kevin Crow by phone at 865-363-5382. Information, opinions, and inquiries may be directed to Mr. Brett Harris, Hazardous Waste Permitting Manager in DSWM's Central Office, throughout the permit review process at the Davy Crockett Tower, 500 James Robertson Parkway, 7th Floor, Nashville, TN 37243, by phone at 615-393-9221, fax 615-532-0938, or email at Brett.Harris@tn.gov.

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