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## **DOE APPOINTS OAK RIDGE ENVIRONMENTALIST TO ADVISORY BOARD**

**OAK RIDGE, Tenn.** - - The Department of Energy (DOE) has appointed Oak Ridge resident Jenny Freeman to the Oak Ridge Site Specific Advisory Board (ORSSAB). Freeman is the business development manager for Strata-G, an environmental consulting firm in Knoxville.

The ORSSAB is the federally-chartered citizens' panel that provides recommendations to the DOE Oak Ridge Environmental Management (EM) program that is responsible for the cleanup of the Oak Ridge Reservation.

"I think Jenny is going to be a wonderful addition to the Board," said John Eschenberg, DOE Oak Ridge Assistant Manager for EM and the Deputy Designated Federal Officer for the Board. "Jenny is enthusiastic, committed, organized, and detail oriented. Each of these qualities will enhance the Board. I am looking forward to working with her on future projects."

Freeman has worked with citizen groups since the early 1980s when she was employed under a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency to educate communities impacted by hazardous and radioactive waste. Throughout the years, she has consulted with environmental organizations on issues such as clean air, hazardous waste laws and regulations, and land use planning.

Her interest in cleanup issues on the Oak Ridge Reservation (ORR) began in 1992 when she worked on the Oak Ridge National Lab site-wide remedial investigation/feasibility study as an ecological risk assessor. From that work, for six years, she led the Energy, Technology, and Environmental Business Association, a non-profit trade association composed of businesses engaged in environmental cleanup and technology development.

In 2003, she helped organize a grass-roots effort to research and produce "The Oak Ridge Story," a booklet that described in layman's terms the extent of contamination on the ORR and the ongoing cleanup effort. Freeman has also worked for CDM Federal Services, an Oak Ridge business that provides business development and proposal writing services.

Freeman has a bachelor's degree in Anthropology from the University of Memphis and a master's degree in Forestry from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. She has memberships with the Tennessee Citizens' for Wildlife Planning, the East Tennessee Economic Council, and the Oak Ridge Business Safety Partnership.

The ORSSAB meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the DOE Information Center in Oak Ridge. Meetings of the Board and its committees are open to the public and notices are posted on the board's Web site: [www.oakridge.doe.gov/em/ssab](http://www.oakridge.doe.gov/em/ssab).

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