



Roane County Environmental Review Board

2009-2010

The Year In Summary

Executive Summary #6
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RCERB Establishment and Subsequent Resolutions of Interest

- **Resolution #1975** created the Environmental Review Board. The Board was created to review matters concerning nuclear energy, hazardous waste, and/or the environment. It was created as an advisory group only, having the power to make recommendations to the County Executive and County Commission. (May 1989)
- **Resolution #2271** increased the membership of the RCERB from five to seven. (1991)
- **Resolution #08-07-04** re-established the RCERB after a period of inactivity, and increased the membership to eight general members and one student member. (August 2007)
- **Resolution #04-10-15** appointed Robert W. Peelle as a Member Emeritus of the RCERB. (April 2010)
- **Resolution #03-11-12** amended and clarified the creation, purpose, and membership of the Environmental Review Board (March 2011)

RCERB Purpose & Membership

- Helps inform the County Executive, Commission, and the citizens of Roane County about activities proposed in the County that might have significant consequences for citizen health or safety, visual acceptability, or long-term human habitability.
- Consists of five (5) to seven (7) general members and one (1) to (2) student members. All Board members are to be nominated by the County Executive and appointed by the Roane County Commission.
- Serves as regular appointed member for overlapping terms of three years. Student member serves for a one-year term.
- Understands the authorities of Roane County will consider recommendations from the ERB in making their judgments.

RCERB 2009-2010 Special Programs

- October 2009: Special Guest –Congressman Mr. Lincoln Davis. Discussions on TVA Ash Spill and TVA Operations/Board Membership
- March 2010: John Owsley, TDEC Melton Valley Groundwater Exit Pathway Monitoring. DOE reported contamination in Picket Wells in 2007. TDEC concentrated off-site groundwater monitoring across the Clinch River
- April 2010: Craig Zoller, EPA Project Manager, Non-Time Critical Removal Action Program, Emory River Ash Spill.
- May 2010: Tour of TVA Kingston Ash Spill Site and meeting with Steve McCracken, General Manager, Kingston Ash Recovery Project

RCERB Membership as of March, 2011

<u>Member:</u>	<u>Term Expires:</u>
• Bruce Kimmel, Chair	7/30/12
• David Reichle, Vice Chair	7/30/12
• Mary Anne Koltowich, Recorder	7/30/11
• Frank Kornegay	7/30/12
• Gail Okulczyk	7/30/13
• Brian Niekerk	7/30/13
• Hailey Caldwell, Student member	7/30/12
• Riley Collins, Student member	7/30/12
• Robert Peelle - Lifetime RCERB Member Emeritus	

RCERB Strategic Focus Areas

- Ongoing activities related to the TVA Emory River Ash Spill
- DOE Clinch River Monitoring Wells
- Docks of Caney Creek development – Final resolution on calling in the bond from the developer., lessons the county learned for the future
- Trash/scrap yard nuisance properties – Learn the basis for the District Attorney’s dismissal of court cases
- Litter – Sponsor and invite Judge Potter to do another program work with Keep Roane Litter Free (outcome of Keep Roane Beautiful)
- Hazardous Waste Day – Support and help sponsor this event
- Publicity and education – Request Terry Likens from the Roane County News to attend RCERB meetings and report activities. RCERB to write and provide articles for the newspaper as a public education tool.
- Recycling efforts – Contact Michael Dunn Center about involvement. Contact the Roane County Jail regarding the litter pick-up program for inmates.
- TVA Campgrounds – Monitor the status of local TVA campgrounds; what is being done to keep them open, clean, and safe (no long-term residents or inappropriate dumping of waste).

RCERB Events Attended

- October 1, 2009 - EPA/TDEC/TVA Open House & Presentation; Kingston Fossil Plant Ash Recovery Project; First Baptist Church
- March 11-12, 2010 - TVA-Kingston Fly Ash Release and Environmental Research Symposium; Roane State Community College Main Campus

RCERB Documents Reviewed

(sample only, not all-inclusive)

- TVA Emory River Ash Spill Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis (EE/CA) Work Plan for the “Non-time Critical Removal Action”
- Public Notice No. 10-13 May 7, 2010: Subject – Proposed Deposit of Fill Material Associated with a Haul Road into Wetlands Adjacent to Tributary of Bear Creek Mile 8.0, Clinch River mile 12.0, Right Bank, Anderson and Roane Counties, TN (B&W Y-12 National Security Complex)
- Statewide Permits Public Notice MMX-005: Proposed Reissuance of Permit SOP-99033 for Bechtel Jacobs Company, LLC, ETPP (Pump and haul to Oliver Springs STP)
- TVA to participate in NNSA MOX studies – Announcement made February 26, 2010.
- The US National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) has signed an agreement with government-owned Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) to study the use of mixed-oxide (MOX) fuel made from surplus weapons plutonium in TVA's nuclear power reactors.
- State of Tennessee, TDEC, Division of Water Pollution Control – Public Notice of Availability of Proposed Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for e. coli; Upper Clinch River Watershed (HUC 06010205).
- Notice of Final Decision to Reissue Corrective Action Permit, Perma-Fix of Memphis