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is producing. In Oak Ridge alone, there are jobs for decades to come associated with environmental cleanup."

In October 2022, UCOR assumed responsibility for the Transuranic Waste Processing Center, the mission of which is to address a legacy stockpile of defense-related research waste. In addition, UCOR's workforce performs the following activities at the Oak Ridge Reservation.

At Oak Ridge National Laboratory, UCOR is currently working to demolish the Low Intensity Test Reactor. This follows demolition of the Bulk Shielding Reactor in 2022, which was the first-ever demolition of a reactor on the reservation. In addition, crews continue deactivating other reactors, including the Experimental Gas-Cooled Reactor and the Oak Ridge Research Reactor. Workers are also deactivating the complex of facilities known as Isotope Row.

At the Y-12 National Security Complex, UCOR is deactivating high-risk facilities.

Those include facilities like the more than 500,000-square-foot Alpha-4 building as well as the Alpha-2 and Beta-1 buildings, which housed four of the 11 calutron tracks used to separate uranium during the Manhattan Project.

At the East Tennessee Technology Park, all unneeded buildings have been removed from the site, a former gaseous diffusion plant, and workers are now performing remedial activities such as removing building slabs, excavating contaminated soil, and removing minor remaining structures. The site has been transformed into a multi-use industrial park, national park, and conservation area. About 1,300 acres of land have been transferred for economic development, and the K-25 History Center is now open to the public as a museum preserving the story of men and women who helped construct and operate the uranium enrichment complex.

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