# TVA's New Nuclear Program

Exploring new advanced reactors and small modular reactor technologies

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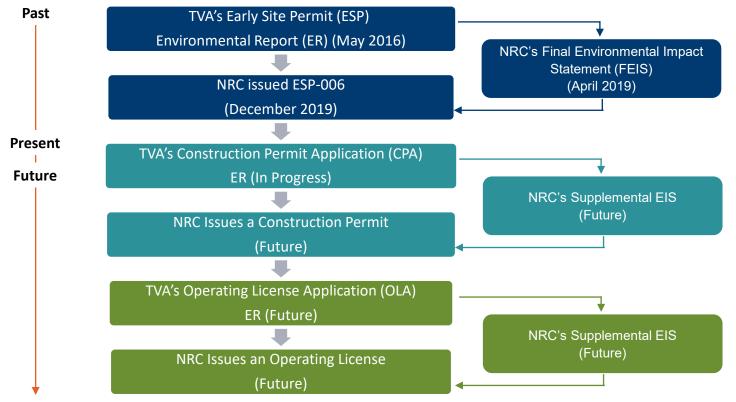
Small modular reactor designs are based on existing commercial technologies

The smaller size enables components to be shipped to the site by rail or truck, allowing more of the construction to take place in factories. Potential
Advantages of
New Nuclear
Technologies

- Improved safety and security
- Reduced construction time
- More standardization
- Small footprint; more site options
- Lower financing costs



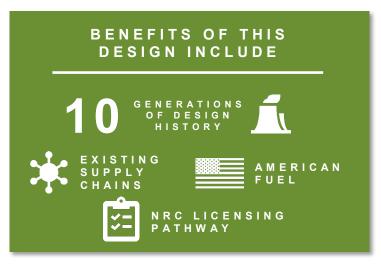
## **CRN Site Project Licensing Activities**



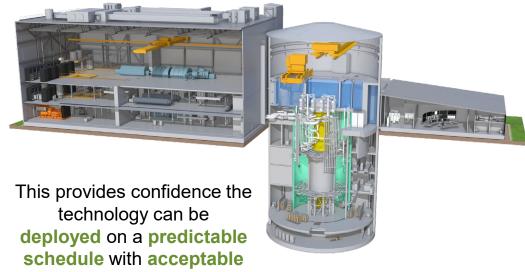
#### **GE-Hitachi BWRX-300**

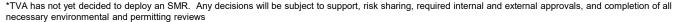
BUILT ON PROVEN TECHNOLOGY

TVA identified GEH's innovative BWRX-300\* reactor design as the most promising for near-term deployment.



- Thermal fission boiling water reactor (BWR)
- Light-water-moderated
- Cooled with natural circulation
- · Designed with passive safety systems.



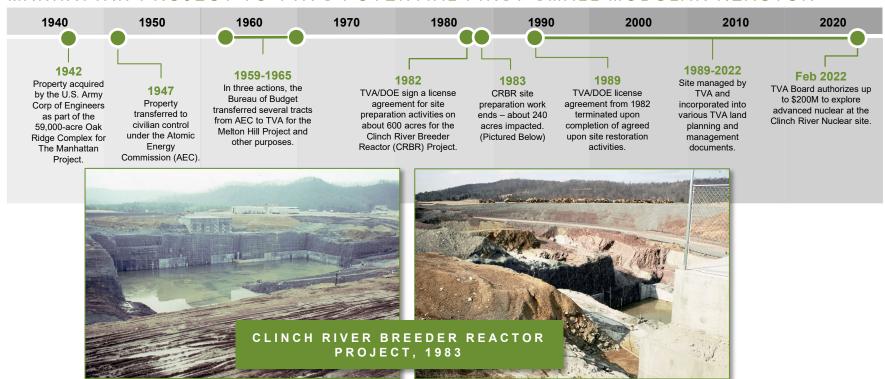




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## **Clinch River Nuclear Site History**

MANHATTAN PROJECT TO TVA'S POTENTIAL FIRST SMALL MODULAR REACTOR\*

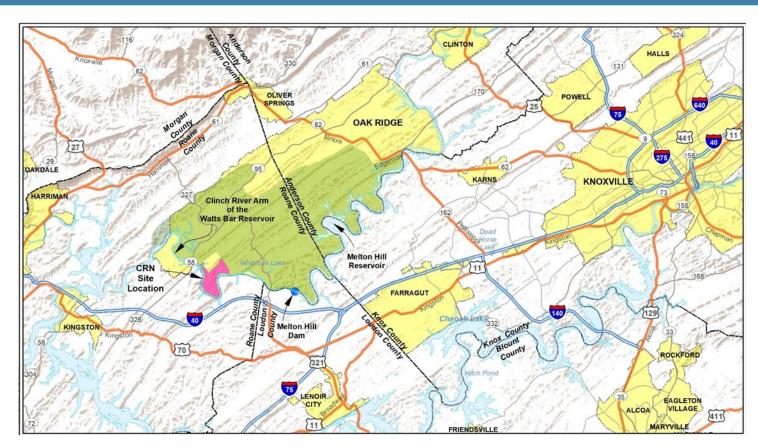


<sup>\*</sup> TVA has not yet decided to deploy an SMR. Any decisions will be subject to support, risk sharing, required internal and external approvals, and completion of all necessary environmental and permitting reviews



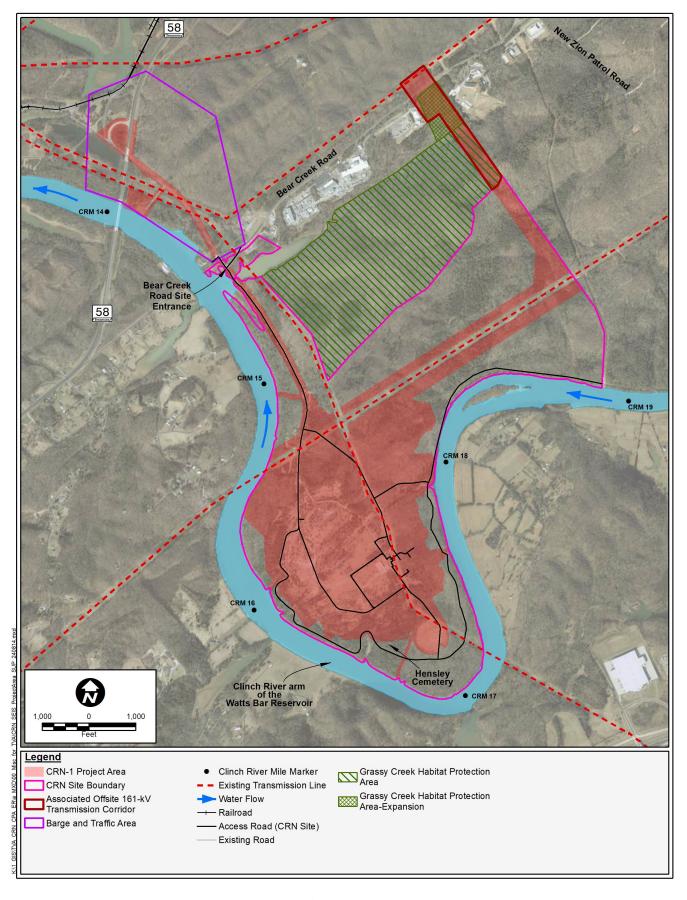
## **Project Purpose and Need**

- The primary purpose of the proposed action is to demonstrate the feasibility to license, construct, and operate a Small Modular Reactor (SMR) technology at the CRN Site.
- The proposed action is needed to:
  - support the recommendations outlined in TVA's 2019 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) to evaluate emerging nuclear technologies, including SMRs, as part of technology innovation efforts aimed at developing future electricity generation capabilities, and
  - to enable TVA's Board of Directors to consider next steps as part of TVA's efforts to explore advanced reactor options that could be used to help TVA maintain a firm, fixed, clean, and reliable power supply.

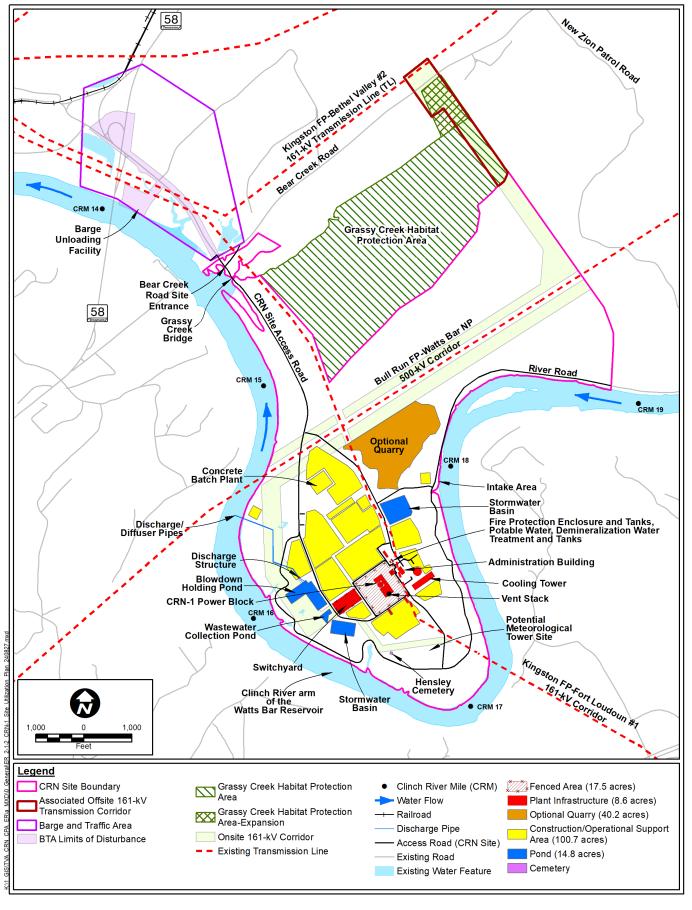


The CRN Site is located on 935-acres of TVA land in Oak Ridge, Roane County, Tennessee adjacent to US Department of Energy Oak Ridge Reservation.





Alternative B1 - CRN-1 Disturbance Area





## Tiering from the CRN Programmatic EIS (PEIS)

- The PEIS used a bounding approach to evaluate impacts from creating an Advanced Nuclear Reactor Technology Park, using plant parameter envelope (PPE) analysis, based on a range of reactor types with varying levels of design maturity, using the process established in TVA's Early Site Permit Application to the NRC in 2019.
- Analysis of environmental impacts based on a bounding approach encompasses a maximum of potential impacts resulting from implementing each of the alternatives.
- Federal agencies may rely on PEIS analyses for 5 years without conducting additional review unless there are substantial new circumstances or information about the significance of adverse effects that affect the analysis.

## Supplemental EIS (SEIS) Data Review

- For the SEIS TVA reviewed new information that differed from that considered in the Programmatic EIS
- New information included information about CRN-1 (one BWRX-300) or new data about environmental conditions at the CRN Site
- After review, the new information was determined to be either:
  - Consistent information that was effectively the same or substantially similar to that considered in the Programmatic EIS – this information was incorporated by reference in the SEIS.
  - Notably different information that was new and not previously considered or substantially different from that considered in the Programmatic EIS – this information was evaluated in the SEIS

#### **Alternatives Considered in the Supplemental EIS:**

- A No Action Alternative
- B1 Construction, Operation, and Decommissioning of CRN-1



## **Analyses Incorporated by Reference from the PEIS**

- Geology and Soils
- Meteorology, Air Quality, and Climate Change
- Noise
- Socioeconomics
- Solid and Hazardous Waste
- Public Safety and Nonradiological Health
- Radiological Effects of Normal Operations
- Nuclear Plant Safety and Security
- Decommissioning

## Impact Analysis for Resources Evaluated in the SEIS

Resource Area	Phase	Impacts	Resource Area	Phase	Impacts
Water Resources	Construction Minor		- Recreation	Construction Minor	
	Operations	Minor	- Recreation	Operations	Minor
Floodplains & Flood Risk	Construction Minor		Transportation	Construction Moderate to Large	
	Operations	None	<ul> <li>Transportation</li> </ul>	Operations	Minor
Wetlands	Construction	n Minor	– Visual Resources	Construction	Minor to Moderate
	Operations	None	Visual Resources	Operations	Minor to Moderate
Aquatic Ecology	Construction	n Minor	Archaeological	Construction Minor	
	Operations	Minor	Resources & Historic Structures	Operations	Minor
Terrestrial Ecology	Construction	n Moderate	Radiological Effects of	Construction	n Minor
	Operations	Minor	Normal Operations	Operations	Minor
Threatened & Endangered Species	Construction	Minor to Moderate	Uranium Fuel Use Effects	Construction	n Minor
	Operations	Minor	- Effects	Operations	Minor
Managed and Natural Areas	Construction Minor				
	Operations	Minor			

### **TVA CRN Site NEPA Reviews**

	Supplemental EIS (in progress)	Future NEPA
·	Oraft issued January 2025 Anticipated ROD Late Summer 2025	TBD
·	After finalizing the SEIS TVA could broceed with:  Construction and operation of any safety-related nuclear power generation systems for CRN-1  Excavation for the reactor building  Construction of intake and discharge facilities  Offsite 161-kV transmission improvements  Barge landing improvements  Import of borrow and/or development of onsite quarry  New site drainage, stormwater management, outfalls, and culverts; filling of landfills and existing ponds	<ul> <li>Significant changes in operations characteristics or impacts (if any)</li> <li>Additional offsite transmission improvements (if any)</li> <li>Preconstruction, construction, operation, and decommissioning of additional units (if any)</li> </ul>

## **CRN Project Consultations & Permitting**

Agency	Authority	Status
US Fish & Wildlife Service	Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation	In progress
Tennessee Historical Commission (State Historic Preservation Officer) & Federally Recognized Tribes	National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Consultation	Complete
Watts Bar Interagency Working Group	Consultation regarding disturbance to sediments in the Reservoir	Complete
US Army Corps of Engineers	Clean Water Act Section 401 and 404 Permitting	In progress
US Army Corps of Engineers & US Coast Guard	Rivers and Harbors Act Section 10 Permitting	Future
TN Dept of Environment & Conservation	Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit  Deliberative and Pre-decisional	In progress

#### **How to Provide Comments**

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## Projected CRN SEIS NEPA Schedule

INITIATIVES	<b>EARLY 2025</b>	MID 2025	SUMMER 2025
Publish Draft SEIS			
Public Comment Period & Public Meeting			
Finalize Programmatic EIS			
Publish Final Programmati EIS	С		
Publish Record of Decision in the Federal Register	1		

Ongoing

Future

Public comments are encouraged and must be submitted or postmarked by <u>March 18, 2025</u>.

Electronic comment submissions are preferred.

Please note that any comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the project administrative record and will be publicly available.

