

UCOR Holds Multi-Site Stand-Down

URS | CH2M Oak Ridge LLC (UCOR) is the Department of Energy's cleanup contractor for the DOE Oak Ridge Reservation, primarily focused on cleanup of East Tennessee Technology Park (the former Oak Ridge K-25 Site). They are also engaged in cleanup and waste management activities at other Oak Ridge Reservation sites.

As a company that takes safety seriously, they have participated in the National Safety Stand-Down for the last three years. In 2017, they reached approximately 1,500 employees on five different work sites, conducting a variety of activities over several days.

Those activities included fall prevention presentations and visits from Tennessee OSHA Compliance Officers on two different days. Fall protection demonstrations were conducted by both the Miller Fall Protection Truck and the DBI-SALA Fall Protection Truck throughout the day on May 10th; a thousand hardhat stickers and pamphlets from CPWR were distributed; and Little Giant provided ladder demonstrations. UCOR also used this opportunity to create a video filled with testimonials from workers who have experienced ladder falls. That video can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/pez-r8hSddE>.

The Stand-Down is not the only time UCOR focuses on falls, but it helps to motivate them to conduct a sustained week long focus on fall prevention. Year-round, UCOR's fall prevention efforts include dedicating one of their Monthly Safety Focus presentations to fall prevention and actively responding to events, injuries or deficiencies identified through Management Assessments. One way they've responded to situations identified as unsafe is by improving fall prevention measures around worksites— making the surroundings safer before ever relying on PPE by adding guard rails, covering holes, and improving equipment where needed, as shown in the photo examples below.

