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Former TVA CEO takes new role

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Don Moul, embattled former chief of the nation's largest public power provider, has landed a new leadership role with an Oak Ridge nuclear fuel company.

Moul led the seven-state Tennessee Valley Authority, a nuclear utility, as its president and CEO from April 2025

through April 2026. As of July 6, he has a seat on the board of directors for Standard Nuclear, an Oak Ridge-based company aiming to produce a fuel that could power next-gen reactors, including some being built in East Tennessee.

TVA's current reactors don't run on Standard Nuclear-produced fuel, and the GE Hitachi BWRX-300 design it's picked for new advanced reactors planned in Oak Ridge wouldn't run on the type of fuel Standard Nuclear pro-



Moul

duces. Federal documents Standard Nuclear filed in July show the company's board is made up of five directors, including Moul. The company as of July was starting the process of going public, one of many nuclear firms getting established in East Tennessee as federal leaders aim to quadruple American nuclear capacity in

the coming years.

New start follows short, tumultuous term as TVA chief

Moul's position on the Standard Nuclear board is the first public hint of what's next for him after a run as CEO marred by personal criticism from the president of the United States and

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A crowd gathers July 4 at A.K. Bissell Park for a show. Filled with many patriotic tunes, the band's concert concluded before the city of Oak Ridge's fireworks. PHOTOS PROVIDED BY RICK SMITH SR.

COMMUNITY BAND MARKS NATION'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY

The Oak Ridger | USA TODAY NETWORK – TENNESSEE

The Oak Ridge Community Band performed its annual Fourth of July concert on Saturday at the Performing Arts Pavilion at A.K. Bissell Park. The free concert also marked the 250th anniversary of the nation. The band's first July 4 concert was held in 1944. After the concert, the city of Oak Ridge held its fireworks show.



Many wear patriotic hats and shirts to the concert.

ANALYSIS

World absorbs historic wartime oil disruptions

Depleted stocks bring risk of price spikes

Dmitry Zhdannikov, Robert Harvey and Ahmad Ghaddar
REUTERS

LONDON – The world has absorbed with surprising ease the loss of over a billion barrels of oil supply since the Iran war began, but, with long-term peace elusive and buffer reserves now drained, it still faces the looming risk of future price spikes.

Tehran's throttling of the Strait of Hormuz in response to the U.S. and Israeli attacks launched on Feb. 28 fed fears of a catastrophic global energy crunch. The ensuing four-month conflict did, indeed, create the biggest energy disruption in history, according to the International Energy Agency. At its worst, the headline supply loss was 14 million barrels per day.

But worries that Asia and Europe would run out of gasoline, diesel or jet fuel never materialized. And after peaking around \$126 per barrel in April – still some \$20 below the 2008 record – benchmark Brent oil prices are now lower than they were when the conflict began.

“This suggests traders viewed the disruption as serious but manageable, reflecting confidence in today's more

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