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LATA/Parallax Portsmouth Removes Two More Facilities at Piketon Plant

Remaining 3 of 14 Inactive Facilities to be Demolished by Early 2007

PIKETON, OH (August 2, 2006) – Two more facilities have been removed by LATA/Parallax Portsmouth, LLC at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Piketon, Ohio, bringing the total of inactive, surplus facilities to 11 demolished since February. The company, contracted by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to perform the environmental remediation work, expects to finish the dismantlement of the remaining three facilities by March 2007.

“These facilities were no longer needed at the plant and removing them now saves any additional surveillance and maintenance costs associated with the structures,” said Paul Kreitz, LATA/Parallax’s Project Manager. “Our workers are very focused on completing this project safely, on or ahead of schedule.”

The most recent facilities to be removed are the X-342C Hydrogen Fluoride Neutralization Pit and the X-701D Water Deionization Building. Both were constructed in 1955.

The X-342C was an exterior, open top concrete pit measuring 107 feet long and five feet deep. It could hold a total volume of 75,000 gallons. In use from 1955 until 1989, its purpose was to neutralize waste hydrogen fluoride solutions from the X-344 complex of buildings. The concrete pit was removed and the area was backfilled with clean soil between June 26 and July 13, 2006. Demolition debris will be disposed at a licensed off-site facility.

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The X-701D was built to prepare deionized water for decontamination and chemical cleaning operations. The building was used for this purpose until 1985. The structure was demolished on July 21, 2006. Disposal of demolition debris will be to a licensed off-site facility.

Demolition of the final three inactive facilities will begin in August and be completed by early 2007. The X-720A Maintenance and Stores Gas Manifold Shed was built in 1954 and served as a small filling station for gas cylinders used throughout the site and to store compressed gas cylinders. The X-105 Electronic Maintenance Building is an 11,000 square foot structure that was constructed in 1957, initially as a temporary facility for use as a construction field office where process pipe was fabricated during construction of the gaseous diffusion plant. The building was later used as an instrument development building, engineering office area, and for electronic maintenance of equipment. It has been vacant since 2001.

The last building scheduled to be razed by LATA/Parallax is also the largest, the 22,640 square foot X-770 Mechanical Test Building. This facility was constructed in 1954 and operated until 1974. The X-770 had three test loops used to test modified equipment before installation into the process building. The facility operated separately from the uranium enrichment process since its purpose was only to test equipment and not enrich uranium.

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About LATA/Parallax Portsmouth

LATA/Parallax Portsmouth, LLC performs environmental remediation services, including groundwater cleanup and waste management activities, under contract to the U.S. Department of Energy at the Portsmouth site. The LATA/Parallax Portsmouth contract is through September 2009.