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**LATA/Parallax Portsmouth Completes Removal of Three Inactive,
Surplus Facilities at Piketon Plant**

Two Additional Structures to be Dismantled by End of April

PIKETON, OH (March 16, 2006) – As the environmental remediation contractor to the U.S. Department of Energy, LATA/Parallax Portsmouth has recently completed the removal of three of five inactive facilities scheduled for dismantling/demolition this year at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Piketon, Ohio. The facilities were the X-230J-1 Environmental Monitoring Station, the X-230J-8 Environmental Storage Building, and the X-740 Waste Oil Storage Facility. The remaining two facilities, the X-106B Old Fire Training Building, and the X-616 Liquid Effluent Control Facility, are scheduled to be dismantled by the end of April 2006.



Workers dismantle the X-740 Waste Oil Storage Facility at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant

All five facilities have been inactive for a number of years and were no longer needed at the site.

“This represents an important project,” said Paul Kreitz, project manager for LATA/Parallax Portsmouth. “The removal of these facilities will mean a reduction in long-term surveillance and maintenance costs for the Department of Energy.”

The X-230J-1 was a small 100 square foot masonry block building that was formerly used as a monitoring station on the east side of the plant until 1983. The X-230J-8 was a 100 square foot steel temporary structure that was built in 1981 for use as general and soil sample storage and later as an air monitoring station. The X-740 Waste Oil Storage Facility was constructed in 1982 as a 6,000 square foot facility to serve as a staging area

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for 55-gallon drums of waste solvents and oils pending final disposition. The X-740 building underwent a full closure under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act in the mid-1990s with closure accepted by Ohio EPA in 1998.

The five facilities are not historically significant due to their recent construction and they were not unique in terms of history, architecture or engineering; nor were they integral to the core gaseous diffusion plant operations. Prior to the facilities being dismantled, a concurrence was obtained from the Ohio Historic Preservation Office, in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, that no historic properties were affected by the demolitions.

The X-230J-8 Environmental Storage Building was relocated by truck on February 22, 2006 to an on-site area where it was size reduced, placed into waste containers, and shipped for disposal at an authorized off-site disposal facility. The X-230J-1 Environmental Monitoring Station was demolished on February 23, 2006.

The X-740 Waste Oil Storage Facility was the largest of the three structures. The demolition of the Waste Oil Storage Facility was completed on February 28, 2006 and shipment of all waste debris to off-site disposal facilities will be completed by the end of March 2006.



X-740 Waste Oil Storage Facility before demolition



X-740 Waste Oil Storage Facility during demolition



X-740 Waste Oil Storage Facility at completion of demolition on February 28, 2006

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.

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