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**LATA/Parallax Portsmouth Removes Four More Surplus
Facilities at Piketon Plant**

*Brings Total to 9 Structures Removed to Date;
Last of 14 Smaller, Inactive Facilities to be Demolished by Early 2007*

PIKETON, OH (June 5, 2006) – Four additional structures have come down at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Piketon, Ohio. LATA/Parallax Portsmouth LLC completed demolition of the four inactive, surplus facilities in May, bringing the total to nine inactive facilities removed in the past three months.

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 five of 14 smaller, inactive facilities by early 2007. The facilities are being removed prior to the future decontamination and decommissioning (D&D) of the gaseous diffusion plant. Production of enriched uranium ceased at the facility in 2001 and DOE is transitioning the plant to cold shutdown in preparation for D&D at a later date.

The facilities recently demolished are the old X-615 Sewage Treatment Plant, the X-344E Gas Ventilation Stack, the X-344C Hydrogen Fluoride Storage Building, and the X-344F Safety Building. All the facilities had been inactive for a number of years and were no longer needed at the site.

The X-615 Sewage Treatment Plant was built in the 1954-55 time frames. The 6,300 ft² building operated from 1955 to 1982 when operations were shifted to a newly constructed sewage treatment plant which continues to serve the plant population today.

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The X-615 Sewage Treatment Plant before demolition activities.

CDM, a teaming partner with LATA/Parallax Portsmouth, began dismantling the old sewage treatment facility on April 19, 2006 and completed the demolition in early May. Final removal of the waste debris is ongoing.

Demolition of the X-615 Sewage Treatment Plant was completed in early May 2006.



“In just three months, LATA/Parallax and CDM have completed the demolition of nine facilities and shipped more than 59,000 cubic feet of debris from these facilities off-site,” said Paul Kreitz, the LATA/Parallax project manager. “The work has been performed with exceptional attention to safety and overall project planning.”



The X-344E Gas Ventilation Stack was constructed in 1958 to serve as a safety support system in the former gaseous diffusion operations. It was 4 feet in diameter and approximately 30 feet high, contained within a metal support structure.

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The stack was dismantled by LATA/Parallax Portsmouth on May 23, 2006. The stack is being size-reduced on-site before being shipped to a licensed off-site disposal facility.



X-344E Gas Ventilation Stack Being Dismantled on May 23, 2006.



Pictured above is the X-344E stack after dismantlement.

Other facilities removed in May were the X-344C Hydrogen Fluoride Storage Building and the X-344F Safety Building, both constructed in 1958 as support facilities for the diffusion plant. The five remaining inactive facilities to be removed include the X-342C Neutralization Pit, which was built in 1954 and used to neutralize process effluents from the product sampling and shipping facilities complex; the X-105 Electronic Maintenance Building, constructed in 1957; the X-701D Water Deionization Building, built in 1955; the X-720A Maintenance and Stores Gas Manifold Shed, built in 1954; and the X-770 Mechanical Test Building, a 22,640 ft² facility constructed in 1954.

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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.