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LATA/Parallax Portsmouth Completes Demolition of Electronic Maintenance Building at Piketon Plant

Last of 14 Inactive Facilities to be Removed by Early 2007

PIKETON, OH (November 3, 2006) –LATA/Parallax Portsmouth, LLC has completed demolition of the X-105 Electronic Maintenance Building at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Piketon, Ohio, bringing the total to 13 inactive surplus facilities demolished since February. The company was awarded a contract in 2005 by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to perform environmental remediation work at the plant.

As part of LATA/Parallax's contract with DOE, the company is responsible for completing the characterization, decontamination and decommissioning (D&D) of 14 inactive facilities by the contract's end date of September 2009. Paul Kreitz, LATA/Parallax's project manager, stated the D&D of the surplus facilities will be completed long before the contract is over. "Under our scope of work, we were tasked to complete a project to demolish all 14 inactive facilities by September 2009," Kreitz said. "To date, we have accomplished the removal of all but one of the buildings and we are putting additional resources into dismantling the final structure by early 2007."

The X-105 Electronic Maintenance Building was an 11,000 square foot structure that was built 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 X-105 Electronic Maintenance Building is demolished in October 2006 (right).
Pictured at left is the building before demolition started.***

The building was later used as an instrument development building, engineering office area, and for electronic maintenance of equipment. It had been vacant since 2001. Demolition of the X-105 building was completed on October 5, 2006. Shipment of the building debris to an off-site licensed disposal facility has also been completed.

Preliminary work has begun to remove the last remaining inactive facility, the X-770 Mechanical Test Building. The 22,640 square foot X-770 Mechanical Test Building is the largest surplus, inactive facility that will be removed. The X-770 facility was constructed in 1954 and operated until 1974.

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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. Further information is available on the LATA/Parallax Portsmouth public website at: <http://www.lpports.com>