

# PORTSMOUTH GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT CLEANUP

## **Get Involved & Stay Informed**

The Portsmouth site will undergo environmental cleanup over the next decade to permanently close the former uranium enrichment facility located in Pike County, Ohio. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will provide opportunities for the community to become informed and involved in key decisions that will affect the final cleanup of the site.

DOE's goal is to reflect the community's vision and priorities for the Portsmouth site in final cleanup plans. Members of the public will have a variety of options to learn more about the site and provide input during the decision-making process. These options include:

**ATTEND** quarterly public meetings for updates on cleanup progress and upcoming decisions points.

**SIGN UP** for our mailing list to receive topical fact sheets, newsletters, and announcements from the site. To sign up call (888) 603-7722 or email *<u>questions@fbports.com</u>* and include your name, address and phone number.

**VISIT** our interactive website at <u>www.fbportsmouth.com</u> for up-to-date information on the various projects.

**PARTICIPATE** in the Portsmouth Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) meetings held at 6:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month at the OSU Endeavor Center, 1862 Shyville Road in Piketon. Visit the SSAB website at <u>www.ports-ssab.energy.gov</u> for more information.

**REVIEW** site cleanup plans, which will be available to the public online at <u>www.fbportsmouth.com</u> or at the DOE Environmental Information Center, 1862 Shyville Road, Room 207, (740) 289-8898 or e-mail: <u>eic@wems-llc.com</u>.

**COMMENT** on cleanup plans during official public comment periods. Sign up for our mailing list to receive notifications of upcoming public comment periods.

**SHARE** questions and feedback with employee Envoys who will inform and engage community groups and individuals during the site's cleanup decision process.



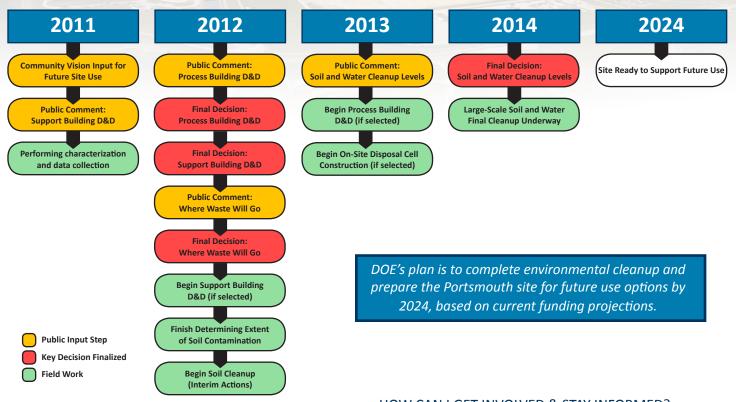
In September, DOE held the first of a series of quarterly sessions to help communities stay informed about cleanup activities at the Portsmouth site.

DOE Site Director Vince Adams (above, left) believes that interactive sessions provide excellent opportunities for community members to meet experts in the decontamination and decommissioning (D&D) process who can describe the cleanup activities, the environmental aspects associated with this project, the planned timeline, and how to stay informed in the future.

"This is also a great listening and learning opportunity for us, hearing from our stakeholders in the community and better understanding their expectations," Dr. Adams explained.

One hundred thirty-five stakeholders from the region attended the DOE public meeting on September 13 at Waverly High School. Public meetings and fact sheets such as this are two communications approaches DOE will use to keep the public informed throughout the cleanup process.

#### What KEY DECISIONS will determine final cleanup of the Portsmouth site?



The timeline above shows when DOE expects to formally release documents for public review. Key decisions that will direct cleanup activities at the Portsmouth site are depicted in **RED**; public input opportunities for each of those decisions are depicted in **GOLD**; and execution of field work is depicted in **GREEN**.

The timeline is intended as a tool to identify the primary phases of the decision process and the current forecast for cleanup at the site. It does not represent DOE's final decisions. The dates may change as new information becomes available or as factors such as funding levels change over the course of the cleanup project.

#### HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED & STAY INFORMED?

The environmental laws that govern cleanup of the Portsmouth site require public input in DOE's decisionmaking process. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) oversees DOE's work at the site and must approve final cleanup plans. Through fact sheets like this one, DOE will seek public input to ensure community values are incorporated into the ongoing decision-making process. Documents that reflect key decisions identified in the timeline must go through formal public review, and public comments must be satisfactorily addressed before DOE and Ohio EPA issue final cleanup plans. These final decisions will also affect how the Portsmouth site can be used in the future.

Timely public input will help DOE balance stakeholders' vision and priorities with its commitment to clean up the site. DOE will continue to provide frequent communications so you can *Get Involved & Stay Informed.* 



#### PLEASE SHARE YOUR COMMENTS BELOW

This fact sheet is one in a series of fact sheets that DOE will issue to inform the public of cleanup plans and activities at the Portsmouth site. Please let us know how you would like to *Get Involved & Stay Informed* in the enclosed comment card. Write your comments in the space provided, tear off this page, fold it and tape it, and mail it back to DOE. The postage was prepaid by DOE.

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