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Provide Your Input
Public input on the Proposed Plans is an important part of the decision-making process. Public comments can be provided throughout the comment period by mail, email or fax, or in person at the public meeting. Comments on each plan are to be submitted separately. A postage-paid comment card is provided as the back page of each Proposed Plan.

A public meeting will take place Monday, Nov. 17, 2014, at Waverly High School, 3 Tiger Dr., Waverly, Ohio, beginning at 6 p.m., to present both Proposed Plans. Comments on the plans will also be accepted at this meeting.

Comments on both plans must be submitted between Nov. 12, 2014, and Jan. 10, 2015.

Send comments on the Process Buildings and Complex Facilities D&D Proposed Plan to:
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Include the words “Process Buildings” on your comments.

Send comments on the Site-wide Waste Disposition Proposed Plan to:
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Include the words “Waste Disposition” on your comments.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) invites public comments on two Proposed Plans for the decontamination and decommissioning (D&D) of the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PORTS). These two plans summarize the evaluation of alternatives for D&D of the majority of the buildings at PORTS and the final disposition of the resulting waste. The plans also present the preferred alternatives identified by DOE and concurred with by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) for D&D and waste disposition at PORTS. This fact sheet provides instructions for obtaining the plans and providing comments. It also summarizes the alternatives presented in the plans, including the preferred alternatives.

How to Obtain the Proposed Plans
Visit one of these locations, or call (888) 603-7722:
Administrative Record File
DOE Environmental Information Center
1862 Shyville Road (OSU South Centers, Endeavor Center), Room 207, Piketon, OH 45661, (740) 289-8898

Pike County
Garnet A. Wilson Public Library
207 N. Market St.
Waverly, OH 45690
(740) 947-4921

Jackson County
Jackson City Library
21 Broadway St.
Jackson, OH 45640
(740) 286-4111

Ross County
Chillicothe/Ross County Public Library
140 S. Paint St.
Chillicothe, OH 45601
(740) 702-4145

Scioto County
Portsmouth Public Library
1220 Gallia St.
Portsmouth, OH 45662
(740) 354-5866

The Proposed Plans can also be viewed online at:
www.pppo.energy.gov/dd_reports.html or at www.fbportsmouth.com
Background

PORTS began making enriched uranium for the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission in 1954 at a 3,777-acre site, located 20 miles north of Portsmouth, and 4 miles south of Piketon, in Pike County. For nearly 50 years, PORTS operated like a self-contained city, and served an important role in United States history. In 2005, the gaseous diffusion process was permanently shut down. Buildings, equipment, soil and groundwater contaminated by uranium enrichment operations must now be cleaned up, and the resulting waste must be safely dispositioned.

DOE has issued two Proposed Plans - one for the buildings being considered in the Process Buildings and Complex Facilities D&D decision and one for the Site-Wide Waste Disposition decision. Each plan presents a preferred alternative, and a detailed evaluation of all the alternatives considered.

Proposed Plan for the Process Buildings and Complex Facilities D&D Evaluation Project

Two alternatives were developed to address the proposed D&D of more than 200 PORTS buildings and structures being considered in the Process Buildings and Complex Facilities D&D decision. A renovation and reuse alternative was not evaluated because of the nature and age of the buildings and structures, their current state of deterioration, and the lack of any identified future need or use.

Alternative 1: No Action
Under this alternative, no action would be taken to D&D the buildings. This alternative was kept for comparison, in accordance with regulatory requirements, but the threat to human health and the environment caused by taking no action is unacceptable.

Alternative 2: Remove Structures, Treat as Necessary, and Package Waste for Final Disposition
This alternative includes the controlled removal of stored waste, materials, hazards, process gas equipment, and process piping. It also includes demolition of the buildings or structures; characterization and demolition of underground man-made features, if required; treatment as needed to meet transportation or disposal requirements; and packaging of the generated waste for final disposal. Transportation and disposal of the waste are part of the Site-wide Waste Disposition Evaluation Project decision (see next page).

Alternative 2: Combined On-Site and Off-Site Waste Disposal

Alternative 2, Combined On-Site and Off-Site Waste Disposal, is the preferred alternative. This alternative protects human health, safety and the environment; is reliable over the long-term for all D&D project waste; uses proven waste containment technologies; meets all regulatory requirements; is less costly; provides the shortest time for waste disposal; and reduces transportation risks because less waste would be shipped to off-Site locations.

Preferred Alternative
Alternative 2, Remove Structures, Treat as Necessary, and Package Waste for Final Disposition, is the preferred alternative. The controlled removal of waste and demolition of the more than 200 process buildings and complex facilities is reliable over the long-term and meets all regulatory requirements.

Next Steps
The DOE encourages you to read both Proposed Plans and provide comments. The final remedy selections for the Process Buildings and Complex Facilities D&D Evaluation Project and the Site-wide Waste Disposition Evaluation Project will only be made after comments received during the public comment period have been considered. Depending on comments received, the selected final remedies could be different from the preferred alternatives.