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1964



2006



2011

The Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant

The US Department of Energy (DOE) is preparing for the potential demolition of the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant. DOE is implementing a combination of documentation and interpretation methods to preserve DOE's history at PORTS, as well as collecting items from selected PORTS facilities. Mitigation being considered includes developing a GIS Atlas to support understanding of operations and infrastructure at PORTS; a Historic Context Report describing the PORTS site and how it functioned using photographs of interior and exterior building features, existing design and construction related drawings, photographs, and a written narrative.

Be sure to check out the Virtual Museum often, as it is frequently updated to include information related to the entire history of the Portsmouth plant and already includes many interesting construction photos from the 1950s, interviews with site workers, and facts about the site's contributions to the nuclear industry.



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Tribal Nations meet with DOE



Dr. Vince Adams, DOE Portsmouth Site Director, J.D. Chiou, Environmental Restoration Director for Fluor-B&W Portsmouth, and Paul Barton of the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma discuss the Portsmouth D&D project during the meeting.

The US Department of Energy traveled to Oklahoma to meet with representatives of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, the Shawnee Tribe, the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, and the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma to discuss the scope and schedule of the Portsmouth D&D project. DOE will continue to work with the tribal leadership to provide project updates and to consider tribal comments about the D&D project and the potential impacts to historic properties in our government to government relationship. Members of the tribes are planning to visit the PORTS site in the near future.



Consulting Parties Meet to Discuss Impacts of PORTS D&D

Even before DOE and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency signed an agreement to decontaminate and decommission (D&D) the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant under the authority of the Comprehensive Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), DOE began meeting with members of the public, including consulting parties, to discuss the potential impacts the PORTS D&D project could have on historic properties. DOE is evaluating two separate actions:

1. D&D of the gaseous diffusion plant buildings, which could include removal of these structures; and
2. Disposal of the waste generated by the demolition.

The most recent meeting was held on December 10, 2012, at Endeavor Center with five consulting parties present. The meeting objectives were as follows:

- Follow up on action items from the May 2012 consulting party meeting.
- Share information about recent Phase II archeological studies.
- Discuss adverse effects that may occur due to DOE's potential undertakings and request input on possible mitigation measures.

- Discuss the D&D project schedule and the decision document process for process building D&D and waste disposition.

Please visit the Fluor-B&W Portsmouth website, <http://www.fbportsmouth.com>, to view the consulting party meeting presentations given to date and to provide input on mitigation measures to address the adverse effects that may result from the D&D and environmental corrective actions. Go to the community tab and click on stakeholder documents.

The next consulting party meeting will be scheduled in early 2013 and will focus on reviewing the results of the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study for the waste disposal alternatives and the community's vision and values for historic preservation activities at the Portsmouth Site.

For more information or to become a consulting party, please contact the U.S. Department of Energy at 740-897-5010

Copies of publicly available completed reports on historical and archeological resources can be found at <http://www.pppo.energy.gov/nhpa.html>

Where we are in the process

PORTS D&D Decision Document Process

Process Building D&D	Evaluation of Alternatives, Informational Meetings and Workshops	Proposed Plan	Public Comment Period	Record of Decision	Work Begins
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