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Portsmouth D&D Progress

# & Lessons Learned



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### Scope of Work

- Dismantling and disposal of Gaseous
  Diffusion Plant facilities
  - 3 large process facilities
  - More than 300 support facilities
- Clean up contaminated soil
- Ensure effective groundwater remediation





- Assess existing closed/capped landfills
- Leave site in a condition that supports community's vision

- Bringing site workforce formerly under NRC regulatory authority back under DOE oversight
   Lessons Learned
- Developing a DOE site safety culture by rallying workforce around D&D mission
- Incidents that show gaps but drive safety improvements:
  - Crane incidents
  - Electrical pole strike
  - Chlorine odor

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Safety Pocket Guide

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# **Priorities & Actions**

- >Using National Safety Council Survey to strengthen safety culture
- **ISMS Phase 2 Verification**  $\triangleright$
- Increased safety communications & involvement >
  - **Company Employee Safety Team**
  - **Daily Safety Sheet**
  - Safety Pocket Guide
  - Health & Safety Fair

**Daily Safety Sheet** 













# D&D Management

Site Maintenance, Infrastructure,

## Issues

- 65 year-old facilities with 145 acres under roof
- 22 Haz Cat 2 facilities
- > Deteriorating roofs in former processing buildings and material storage areas
- 2.2 gigawatt electric grid excessive for D&D mission and future use but part of national electric grid
- Sewage treatment facilities + other utilities with single points of failure
- Safety systems—extensive/must be maintained until facilities can be vacated or demolished











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## Site Maintenance, Infrastructure, D&D Management



# **Priorities & Actions**

- Repair/replace critical components
  - Autoclaves & cranes
  - Sewage treatment plant equipment and lift stations
  - Water treatment plant sanitary water pumps/mixers
  - Maintain a variety of 50-year-old HVAC systems
- Eliminate single point failures in infrastructure systems (i.e., System Health Report)
- Evaluate maintenance practices for further efficiencies

System Health Report







# Identified \$13.5 million in annual savings Reassigned 91 employees to higher priori

Implemented 5-5-5 Plan

**Priorities & Actions** 

 Reassigned 91 employees to higher priority site work

Charter: 5 people/5 months/\$5 million savings

- Reduced active PMs 23% and corrective maintenance by 64%
- Laundry/Respirator services subcontracted saving \$1M annually
- GFE vehicles converted to GSA. Garage performing GSA maintenance saves \$230K annually
- X-710 Laboratory outsourcing in progress
  - Additional cost savings when Lab and other buildings vacated

## Site Maintenance, Infrastructure, D&D Management









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## Site Maintenance, Infrastructure, **D&D** Management



- Oversized infrastructure built to operate three production buildings
  - 13 miles of underground cable supporting site buildings
  - Sewage treatment plant daily capacity of 600k gallons (200%) of current need)
- Infrastructure system not designed to support D&D activities

#### **Priorities & Actions**

- Repair or replace old roofs
- Support conversion to public water supply Lessons Learned Transfer facilities to new 13.8kV district No significant
- Transfer facilities to new 13.8kV distribution system
- No significant demolition until first process building vacated











# **Nuclear Operations**





## Scope



- Operate and manage the Uranium
  Barter Transfer Program
  <u>mission critical</u>
- Support nuclear decontamination and uranium downblending operations
- Support D&D through component sampling and processing
- Manage and process the accountable nuclear inventory at the site
- Complete the nickel recovery bench scale evaluation



# **Nuclear Operations**

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### Issues

#### Uranium Barter Operations

- Old facility & challenging to maintain
- Operations personnel have met production goals to support 2,400 MTU per year
- Uranium Barter Program
- 70 % of site funding relies on this operation
- Safety performance excellent!

## **Priorities & Actions**

- Ash and Gunk
  - Perform cost/benefit analysis on processing material on or off site
  - Complete processing by Sept. 30, 2014
- Complete installation and start-up of cold boxes for heel cylinder processing





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### Scope

- Remove Process Gas Equipment (PGE)\* to achieve Criticality Incredible condition and to support "cold and dark" status
- Remove Hazardous Waste and accountable nuclear material
- Characterize non-process gas and structural components for disposal
- Remove asbestos containing materials
- Utility isolation & redistribution









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\* This work is being done under an Ohio EPA-approved RI/FS Sampling Analysis Plan (SAP).

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# Issues

- Safety high-risk work
- Non-Destructive Assay (QSNDA)
  - In-situ NDA to Characterize to Open to Atmosphere
  - Ex-situ NDA to Characterize for Transportation/Disposal
- Equipment Size & Weight
  - Hoisting & Rigging
  - Tight Work Spaces
- Aging Infrastructure (Cranes, Elevators, etc.)
- Hydrogen Fluoride and Nitrogen Dioxide Emissions



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# Cell components are housed within heated enclosure for temperature control







#### Hatch covers removed to allow access to the converters







#### Converter detached from the Interconnecting piping using a carbon arc torch







The converter lifting fixture is lowered into place by the overhead bridge crane and attached to the converter

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Converter is raised from the cell using the crane

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Once removed from the cell housing, the converter is moved to a transfer cart







Metal plates are welded to secure the openings and the converter is decontaminated as necessary







Converter is lowered to the operating floor







Converter is placed in soft-sided shipping bag for storage prior to shipment











Compressors are housed within a heated enclosure for temperature control











Enclosure is removed for easy access











Compressor detached from interconnecting piping using a carbon arc torch





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Metal plates are welded to secure the openings

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Compressor is lifted from the cell housing







The compressor is lowered to the operating floor







# The compressor is secured in a soft-sided shipping container for storage prior to shipment























Interconnecting piping is cut into sections using a carbon arc torch







Interconnecting piping is cut into sections using a carbon arc torch







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Symposia







A range of internal conditions can be seen in these pipe sections







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Process gas cooler being removed from the Freon and process gas systems







Process gas cooler being removed from the Freon and process gas systems







View of empty cell following removal of all process equipment

# **Waste Management**





## Scope

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Disposition legacy & waste/material generated by the D&D project.



#### **Lessons Learned**





# **Waste Management**





#### Issues

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- PGE components
  - Most (>90%) are expected to be transportable as fissile excepted and require NDA measurements
  - Generation and management of data under the QSNDA program is the major issue in disposition
  - Legacy waste
    - Inventory has been greatly reduced, but the most difficult material remains
    - Lot 14
    - Legacy UF6 trap material



# **Waste Transportation**

# Symposia

# **Priorities & Actions**



- Expand the population of fissile excepted components through sampling and NDA
- Support shipment of 2,300 components (500+ shipments) or 70 cell equivalents
- Reduce legacy mixed waste inventory to meet the Site Treatment Plan
- Complete the processing, packaging, and shipment of the remaining USEC legacy material
- Complete shipment and disposal of 500 MTU of former uranium sales material



# **PORTS D&D Key Milestones**





Complete site soil characterization and establish background conditions in support of attaining a remedy decision for any identified soil contamination

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Signed RODs in place this year for demolition and waste disposal and next year for soil remediation

