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Public to get last look at uranium plant

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ST. CHARLES COUNTY — Early next year, the skyline at the Weldon Spring Chemical Plant site will begin to change as worke start to dismantle 30 buildings of contar

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The federa mally Spring Site Remedial Project. The project is intended to eliminate potential hazards from radioactive and other hazardous wastes on the site.

From 1955 to 1966, the plant was operated by Mallinckrodt Chemical Works for the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. For the past five years, the DOE and its contractors have been working to stabilize the site and to develop and implement plans for the cleanup.

On Saturday, as visitors take a bus ride through the immediate area of the processing plant, they will be told of the site's history, the work now taking place and what is expected to be done in the future.

Riders will not be allowed off

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the bus once it passes through the gates to the area of contaminated buildings. But they will be allowed to bring along cameras, Van Fossen said.

Visitors will be required to take no special precautions before entering the plant site but will be asked to sign a log.

"They will see some of the ongoing construction where we have taken down some of the smaller buildings," he said. "They'll also be able to see some other on-site construction where we've bui[illegible] storage area an[illegible] started to clear the ground to make an area ready for construction of the wastewater treatment plant."

A tent will be set up on the parking lot, where refreshments will be available to visitors and displays will offer information on the geology of the site.

In the administration building, speakers will brief visitors on the site's history, the cleanup plans, how radiation on the site is dealt with, and the staff's efforts to protect workers at the site, the public and the environ[illegible] said [illegible]ed two or three times during the afternoon, he said.

The DOE previously has sponsored bus tours of the site for certain groups, but this is the first open house at the site for the general public, Van Fossen said.

"I think the real message we want to get across is that we do understand the site and what we are dealing with, and that we do monitor all of the activities.

"We want people to have confidence in us," Van Fossen said.