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Major Project, Completion of Safe Shutdown, Finished at Fernald

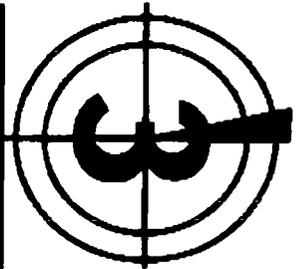
CINCINNATI, March 19, 1999 -- The Department of Energy and Fluor Daniel Fernald have taken one giant step closer to achieving its mission at the Fernald site by completing one of the site's highest priority programs -- "Safe Shutdown."

Employees at the site have spent the past several years shutting down the former production buildings by removing hazardous material, disconnecting all the utilities, eliminating salvageable equipment, and decontaminating the buildings so they can be safely demolished within the next few years.

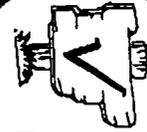
For the next 2 days, you will receive a fact sheet highlighting each of the site's major facilities that have been safely shut down (see attachment). To learn more about the significance of completing Fernald's Safe Shutdown program, members of the press should plan to attend a site tour and recognition ceremony on Monday, March 22, at 11:30 a.m., at the site. The Secretary of Energy, Bill Richardson, will serve as the keynote speaker and share his views on the importance of completing this project.

If you plan to attend the ceremony, please arrive at least 15 minutes early for shuttle service to Plant 6, the former Metals Fabrication Plant, where the event will take place. Media will be permitted to take photos and video of the plant and will also be provided with background footage.

See Attachment



Plant 3, Ore Refinery Maintenance Building



Interesting fact:
Although separate facilities, Safe Shutdown treated Plants 2 and 3 as though they were a single complex, performing cleanup activities simultaneously.



Function:
Because of the intricacy of the processes and piping in the Ore Refinery Plant, Plant 3 was solely dedicated to its maintenance. Plant 3 was the only facility at Fernald to hold this distinction.



Demolition date:
2002



Safe Shutdown:
Began in October 1996 and ended in September 1997.



**Fernald Milestone
Completion of Safe Shutdown
Monday, March 22, 1999
11:30 a.m., at the Fernald site**