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Major Project, Completion of Safe Shutdown, Finished at Fernald

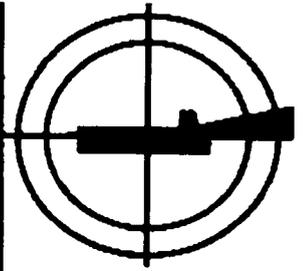
CINCINNATI, March 21, 1999 -- The Department of Energy and Fluor Daniel Fernald have taken one giant step closer to achieving its mission at the Fernald site by completing one of the site's highest priority programs -- "Safe Shutdown."

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.

Today, you will receive the last in the series of fact sheets highlighting 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 1, The Sampling Plant



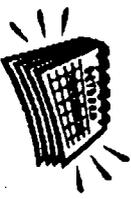
Interesting fact:
Plant 1 was a storage facility for samples of nuclear material from around the world. Also, employees disarmed explosive charges associated with halon cylinders on the plant's Titan Mill.



Material removed:
Employees removed more than 25,000 pounds of hazardous material from the 200,000 square foot building.



Safe Shutdown:
Began in January 1995 and ended in August 1995.



Demolition date:
1997



Function:
Used to receive, sample, store and ship large quantities of depleted, normal and enriched uranium material.



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