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Contract Awarded to Dismantle Additional Fernald Buildings

CINCINNATI, Aug. 28, 1997 -- Fluor Daniel Fernald has awarded a contract to National Service Cleaning (NSC) Energy Services of Thorofare, N.J., to dismantle the Thorium/Plant 9 Complex at the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Fernald Environmental Management Project. The value of the contract is approximately \$5 million.

The buildings to be dismantled were used to process, refine and store uranium and thorium during the production years at Fernald.

NSC Energy Services will begin mobilizing equipment and conducting field activities in October. The Thorium/Plant 9 Complex is scheduled to be dismantled using conventional demolition techniques rather than explosive charges.

Following an extensive technical and cost evaluation, NSC Energy Services was awarded the contract through a competitive bid process. The company's outstanding safety performance record, which was a major factor in the evaluation, is a direct result of NSC Energy Services' zero accident philosophy. NSC Energy Services has been in business for 60 years and has previously performed work for DOE at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory.

The project is anticipated to be completed in less than two years as DOE and Fluor Daniel Fernald continue to make progress under an accelerated cleanup plan that includes dismantling approximately 125 buildings and support structures in the 136-acre former production area.

The Fernald Environmental Management Project is a DOE site being remediated under a Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act agreement between the DOE and EPA. Fluor Daniel Fernald is managing the cleanup under contract with DOE.

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