



# Special Employee Bulletin

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A Special Bulletin for Employees of Fluor-B&W Portsmouth

Dear Fluor-B&W Employees,

As we move into a new year, some important decisions are approaching that will determine the path for decontamination and decommissioning (D&D) at the former gaseous diffusion plant (GDP).

In this special bulletin, we hope you will find useful information on the upcoming decision that the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) must make regarding the final disposal of the materials from D&D of the GDP facilities. We anticipate a decision will be made near the end of the calendar year.

The two paths for disposal being considered are (1) shipping all material and debris to off-site facilities, or (2) shipping higher concentration hazardous materials off site and placing the bulk of the rubble, debris and other materials into an on-site facility that would remain under care of the DOE and the oversight of the OEPA permanently.

A number of rumors have been circulating in the community, with misleading or incorrect statements. It is important to understand some fundamental truths about the disposal decisions:

- (1) No decision has yet been made about what to do with the D&D material. Fluor-B&W's role is to complete the necessary evaluations of these options for consideration by the DOE, the OEPA and the public. The DOE will make its decision based on many factors, and in concurrence with the OEPA, following a lengthy review of all data and public feedback.
- (2) The choice for disposal is not an "all or none" option -- both options involve a degree of off-site shipping.
- (3) The duty of care is the same regardless of the decision; there is no difference in the level of safety requirements for the public and environment, regardless of the option.
- (4) Only material generated from this site would be considered for either disposal option.
- (5) A formal public comment period will be opened some time later this summer to gather the input of interested members of the public, including you – the workforce.

Regardless of the disposal option, the approach to demolition of the GDP facilities would be the same. First targeted recyclable materials would be removed in parallel with the removal of select components of the process gas system. Following these actions, removal of asbestos bearing materials and full energy isolation, the buildings and remaining internal equipment would be demolished with track mounted mechanical shears for loading into railcars for offsite transport or, if selected, into large trucks for transfer to the onsite disposal cell.

We urge you to read this material and come to the public meeting, listen to subject matter experts and learn how the decisions will be made and how to offer your input for the DOE and the Ohio EPA as the process unfolds.

Sincerely,

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