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## Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office Briefing to The Nuclear Cleanup Caucus

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# Portsmouth Site

## *Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office Vision:*

*"Safely accelerate cleanup, ensuring protection of the  
public and environment."*

### Demographics:

- Approximately 2,700 employees
- 3,777 acres

### Cleanup Activities:

- DOE Decontamination and Decommissioning (D&D) Project
- DOE Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride (DUF6) Conversion Project



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# Portsmouth



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# Funding for Cleanup

	<b>FY 11 Appropriations In Millions</b>	<b>FY 12 Current Appropriations In Millions</b>	<b>FY 13 Congressional Request In Millions</b>
<b>Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant</b>	\$257.6	\$254.5	\$186.7
<b>Uranium transfer for accelerated D&amp;D work</b>	\$215.3	\$200 <sup>1</sup>	\$200 <sup>1</sup>
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$472.9	\$454.5	\$386.7

1. Assumes current Uranium market conditions



# Accomplishments

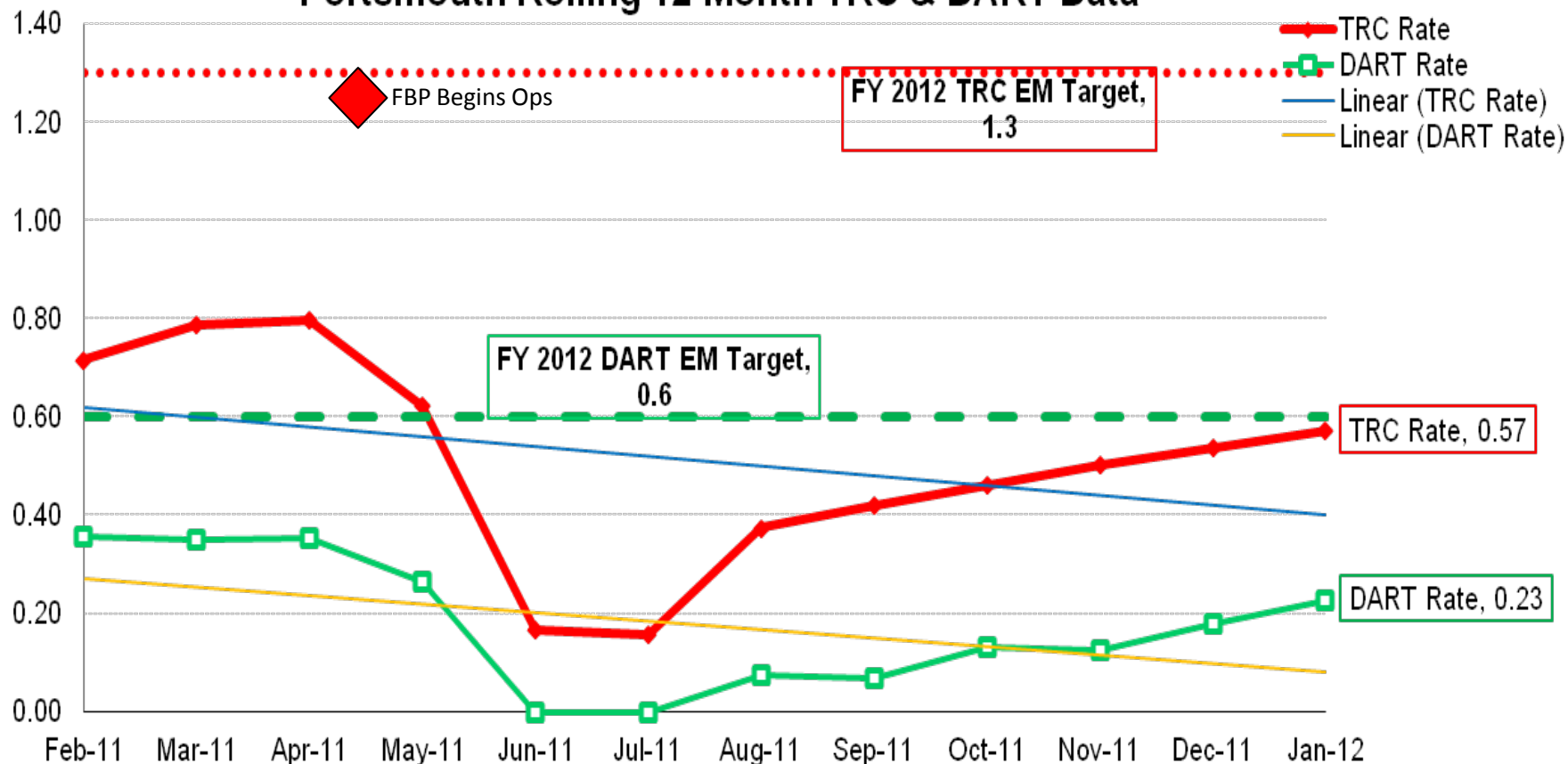
- Partnered with regulators to start D&D work 3 years early
- Accelerated de-lease of 3 major process buildings & ~100 balance-of-plant facilities
- Safely completed DOE's most complex transition
- Completed 8 projects, \$138M of scope with \$118M of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding
- Shipped 1.25M cubic feet of waste off-site
- Began removal of highly contaminated equipment
  - Sets stage for major building demolition





# Transition Safety

## Portsmouth Rolling 12 Month TRC & DART Data



- Maintained safe operations despite complex transition



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*Total Recordable Cases (TRC)*

*Days Away, Restricted or Transferred (DART)*

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# ARRA Projects at Portsmouth



✓ X-701B Soils  
Treatment of  
70,000 sq ft (1/11)



✓ 21-acre X-633  
Cooling Tower  
Complex D&D  
(6/10)

✓ Excess Material  
Disposition (9/11)



✓ Repackaging &  
Disposition of  
2,900 Metric Tons  
of Excess Uranium  
Materials (7/11)



✓ 20-acre X-533 Electrical  
Switchyard Complex D&D  
(12/10)



✓ X-760 Chemical  
Engineering Building D&D  
and Slab (6/10)



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# Completed Project Work

## X-533 Switchyard

*February 2010*



*January 2011*



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# Completed Project Work

## X-630 Recirculating Cooling Water Complex

*August 2010*



*July 2011*



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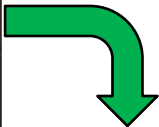
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# Process Gas Equipment Removal

Converters as shown through an open cell housing on the cell floor (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) of the X-326 Process Building



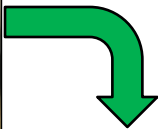
Cut & Cap



Converters being staged for packing and shipment on the (1<sup>st</sup> floor) of the X-326 Process Building

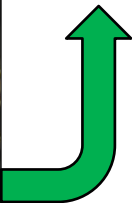


Staging



Removal

Converter being lowered through the cell floor (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) to the operating floor (1<sup>st</sup> floor) of the X-326 Process Building



Converters after wrapping ready for packing and shipment

Wrapped for Packaging





# **Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office Cleanup Progress**

Fluor-B&W Portsmouth / Portsmouth, Ohio

**March 22, 2012**

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# Gaseous Diffusion Plant D&D Contract



- Fluor and B&W – Small business partners



- The Contract : \$2.1B, Cost + Award Fee
  - Duration: 5 Yr Base + 5 Yr Option
  - Contract awarded on August 16, 2010
  - Completed transition and initiated execution March 29, 2011
  - Accepted responsibility for all site facilities and infrastructure including security, emergency services, fire and utility operations October 1, 2011

# Gaseous Diffusion Plant D&D Scope

Government Furnished Services  
and Items

D&D

On-site Disposal Cell

Regulatory Documents

Soil Remediation

Groundwater Remediation

Facility Surveillance &  
Maintenance / Operations

Waste Management

- Operate site utilities / infrastructure
- Security/Emergency Services/Fire Protection
- Main process buildings (deactivation/hazard abatement/ equipment removal, demolition)
- Balance of the Plant (deactivation and demolition)
- Meet DOE and regulatory requirements for selection
- Complete design and geotechnical surveys
- Construct and operate the disposal site if selected
- Complete Balance of Plant Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis
- Complete Building / Waste Disposition Records of Decision
- Characterize, remediate, and systematically make land available for reindustrialization
- Complete treatment facility upgrades
- Continue pump and treat operations
- Drive the mortgage cost down by optimizing utilities
- Continue operations in X-342, X-344, X-345, X-705
- Disposition of legacy waste, X-847, and Uranium Management Center
- Ship X-326 equipment to Nevada National Security Site
- Onsite disposal operations if selected

# FY13 Key Decisions & Risks



- Waste Disposition, Onsite vs. Offsite
- Waste Acceptance Criteria
- Final Land Use/Cleanup Levels



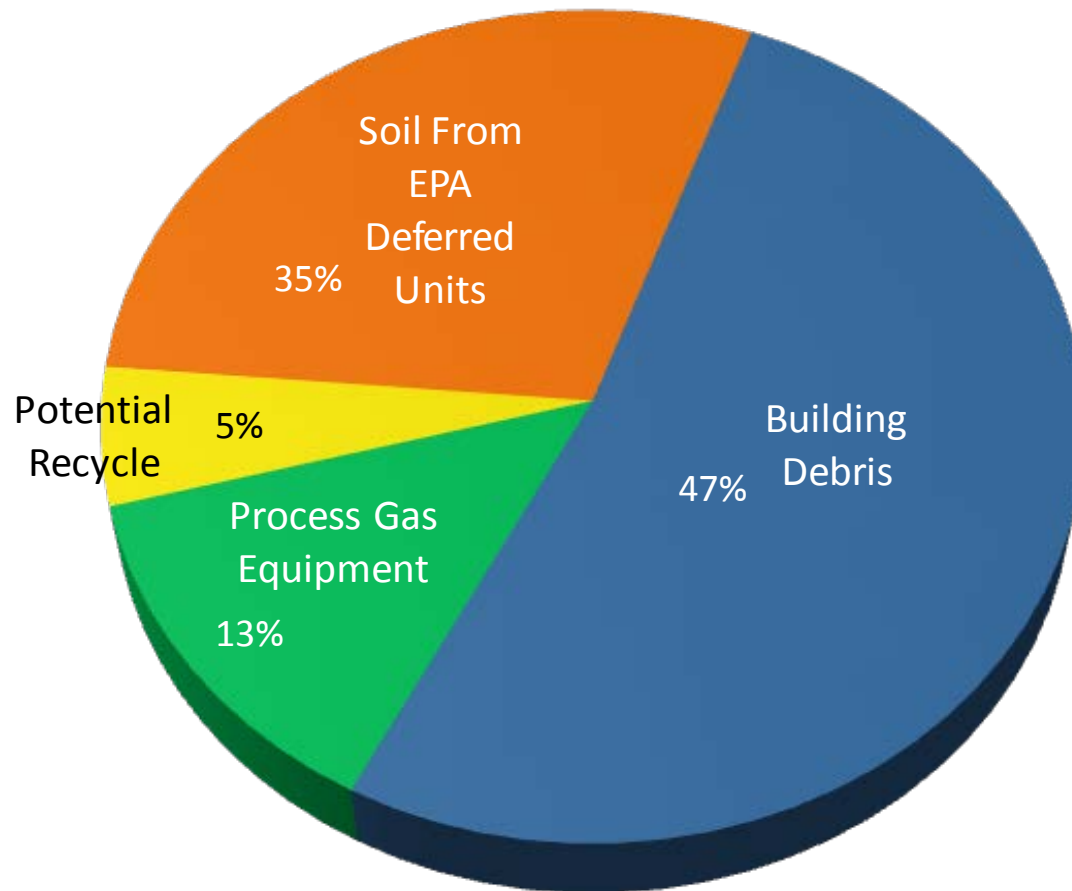
# FY13 Planned Activities

- Mortgage Reduction/Streamlining
  - Install Package Boiler/ Deactivate Boiler Plant
  - Install Medium-Voltage Switchyard
  - Initiate Construction of High-Voltage Switchyard
  - Authorize D&D Documented Safety Analysis and Single Set of Consolidated Operating Procedures
- D&D
  - X-326 Process Gas Equipment Removal
  - X-100 Complex D&D

# FY13 Planned Activities

- (D&D Continued)
  - Standup Non-Destruction Analysis Program and Initiate Shipment of X-326 Converters
  - Waste Disposition Option Consideration and Implementation
- Support Activities
  - Transfer UF6 From Thin-Walled to Thick-Walled Cylinders

# Site-wide Waste Disposition Volumes



*Total Volume = 2.177M  
cubic yards*



# Waste Disposition Alternatives

- Alternative 1:
  - Ship all soils, debris, and equipment to off-site disposal facilities
- Alternative 2:
  - Ship materials with highest contamination off-site
  - Dispose of lower contaminated materials in an engineered on-site disposal facility
  - Require that the on-site disposal facility may only receive Portsmouth waste
  - Ensure permanent care of on-site disposal facility by DOE
  - Additional restrictions or prohibited items may be incorporated into final decision



Conceptual model of the top portion of a disposal cell (as might be constructed on the Portsmouth site). This picture was taken at the Public Meeting held in January 2012.

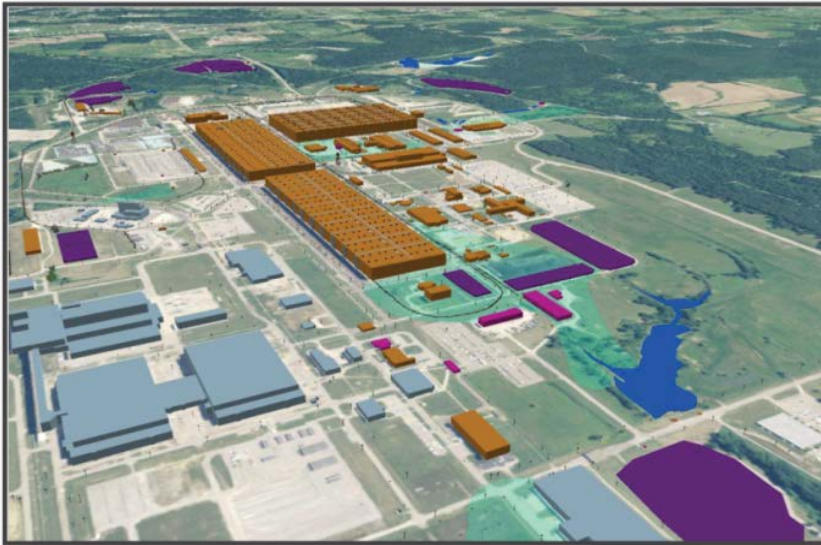
# Comparison of Alternatives

	Off-Site Alternative	On-Site / Off-Site Alternative
<b>Cost</b>	\$1.62 Billion	\$668 Million
<b>Material Distribution</b>	100% Off-Site	10% Off-Site 90% On-Site
<b>Schedule</b>	18 years	12 years
<b>Transportation</b> Local trucks Trucks to offsite disposal Rail cars	16,000 local trucks 9,700 trucks 15,000 rail cars	152,500 local trucks 4,500 trucks 260 rail cars
Truck miles Rail miles	43 million miles 55 million miles	24 million miles 950 thousand miles
Statistical accidents Statistical injuries Statistical fatalities	26 19 2.6	11 8 0.5

# End State Vision

NOW

COMPLETION



- Rail Infrastructure
- Electrical Switchyards
- Sewage Treatment Plant
- Water Treatment Plant
- Road Infrastructure





# Stakeholder Involvement

## Public Engagement

- ✓ *Quarterly Public Meetings*
- ✓ *SSAB Full Board Meetings*
- ✓ *SSAB Subcommittee Meetings*
- ✓ *Science Alliance (1,200 students)*
- ✓ *Quarterly Meetings with Ohio EPA Director*
- ✓ *Monthly Meetings with County Commissioners*
- ✓ *Monthly Meetings with SODI Board*
- ✓ *Fenceline Neighbors Meetings*
- ✓ *Educational Lectures*
- ✓ *Weekly Media Updates*
- ✓ *Engagement with Elected Officials*



## Upcoming Regulatory Decisions

- ✓ *Process Building D&D*
- ✓ *Waste Disposition*
- ✓ *Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Soil Cleanup*

Members of the PORTS Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) recently toured the geotechnical sample location and archaeological shovel test site in the potential On Site Disposal Cell Area D study area. Official reports of results upon completion of each activity will be submitted to the Department of Energy and subsequently shared with the SSAB.



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## **Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office Piketon, OH and Paducah, KY Sites**

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# Paducah Site

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Office Vision:*

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Demographics:

3,400+ acres

Employment

600 Environmental Restoration

1,200 USEC Commercial Enrichment

Cleanup Activities

DOE Environmental Remediation / Infrastructure

DOE DUF<sub>6</sub> Conversion Plant

Tenant

USEC Gaseous Diffusion Plant

Paducah  
Site



Kentucky



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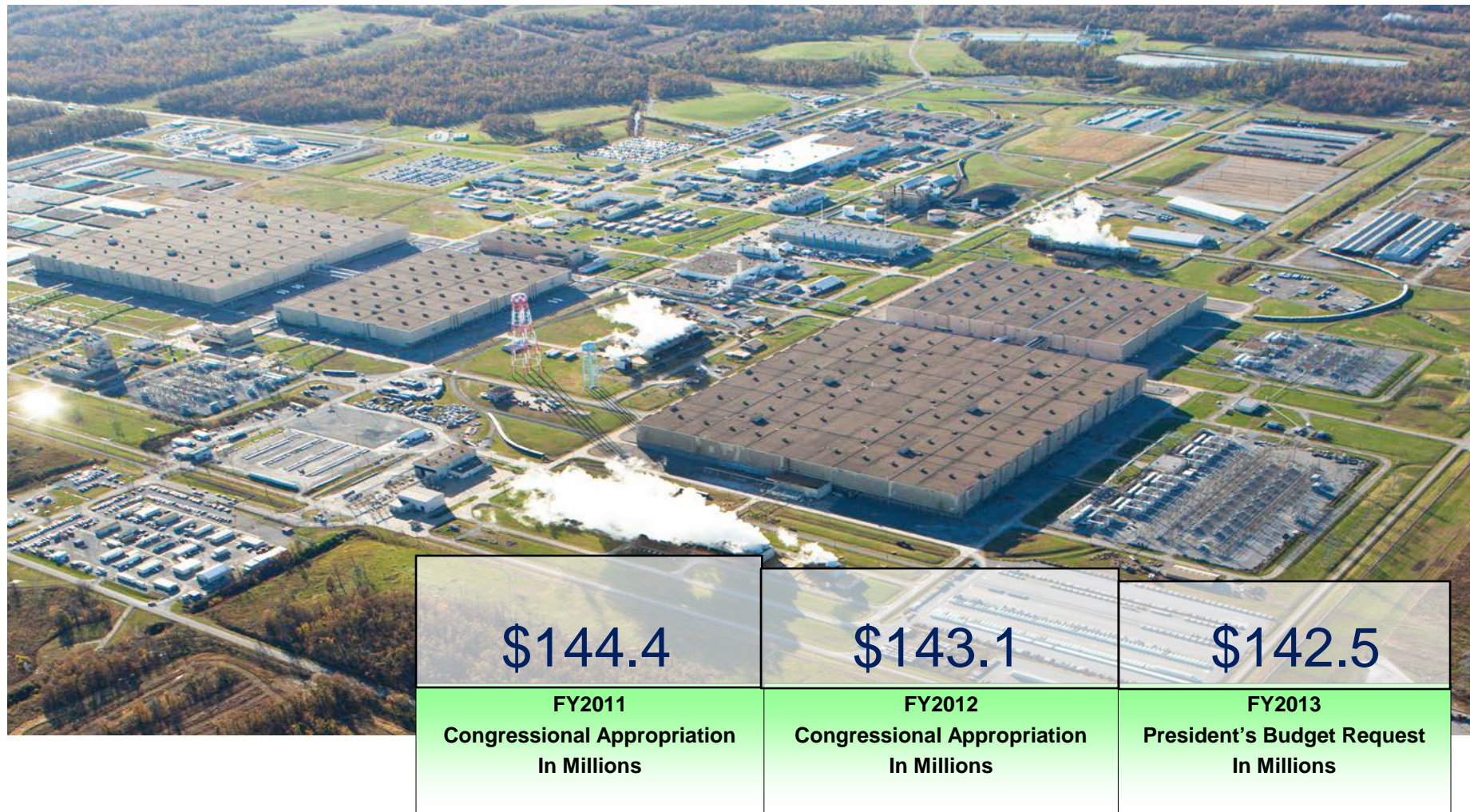
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# Funding for Paducah Cleanup



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# FY 2013 Budget for Paducah

## FY 2013 President's Budget Request - \$142.5M

- Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride Conversion Project - \$39.5M
- Nuclear Facility Decontamination and Decommissioning/Environmental Restoration Projects - \$90.1M
- Safeguards and Security, Community and Regulatory Support/Other - \$12.9M



### Nearly 600 Employees FY 13

LATA Kentucky	Babcock & Wilcox	Swift & Staley
~300	~200	~90



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# Paducah Cleanup Risk Reduction Priorities

Operate extraction wells to isolate and contain NW groundwater plume within the fence line



Complete characterization/select remedies for historical burial grounds



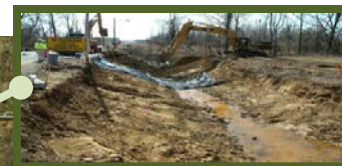
Remove TCE from leading source of groundwater contamination



Complete sampling of over 200 acres of soils contaminated with PCBs, uranium, and metals



Removed >22,000 yds<sup>3</sup> of soil in effluent ditches contaminated with PCBs, uranium, and other metals



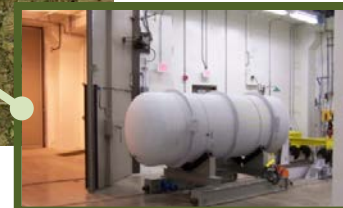
Demolish the abandoned fluorine production portion of the contaminated UF<sub>6</sub> Feed Plant



Completed contaminated vacuum systems and furnace removal; prepare the uranium metal production facilities for demolition



Convert depleted UF<sub>6</sub> into more stable form



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# Paducah FY 12 Successes

- All three contractors received Governor's Safety and Health Awards in 2012
- Anticipated approval of a Record Of Decision (ROD) for two source areas with TCE-contaminated groundwater known as the SW plume
- ARRA successes: ahead of schedule and under budget
  - \$78.8 million ARRA funding led to demolition of 5 inactive structures with a total footprint of over 57,000 square feet
  - Deactivation and stabilization activities for two large buildings with a total footprint over 250,000 square feet
- Implementing key groundwater treatment technologies
  - Enhanced control of off-site plume migration
  - Commencing treatment of largest on-site contamination sources
- Completed sampling of over 200 acres of soil with over 80 acres accessible to the public

Excavators remove waste from the C-410 Building



Workers in lifts cut the tie line to C-410 while a fork removes the sections





# Paducah FY 12 Successes

- Achieved 21 of 21 ARRA milestones realizing \$12M in savings
- Identified and implemented more than \$8M in cost-saving initiatives to optimize field work
- Shipped over 300,000 cubic feet of the most hazardous waste for off-site disposal
- Shipped neptunium waste (waste stream from Site Treatment Plan), more than 5 years ahead of schedule.



UF<sub>6</sub> tie-line removal at the C-410 Feed Plant



Rail shipments of waste leave the Paducah Site



Demolishing the eastern third of the C-410 Feed Plant



Installing electrical resistance heating at the C-400 Cleaning Building





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# **Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office Cleanup Progress LATA Environmental Services of Kentucky / Paducah, KY**

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# Contract Basics



**LATA Environmental Services**  
**of Kentucky, LLC**

## **LATA Environmental Services of Kentucky–Teaming Partners**



### **The Contract : \$299M, Cost + Award Fee**

- Duration: 2010-2015
- Contract awarded on April 22, 2010
- Completed transition and initiated execution July 26, 2010

### **Scope of Work**

- Remediate site contamination to reduce risk to workers, public, and environment
- Operate and maintain waste management facilities
- Conduct decontamination and decommissioning activities



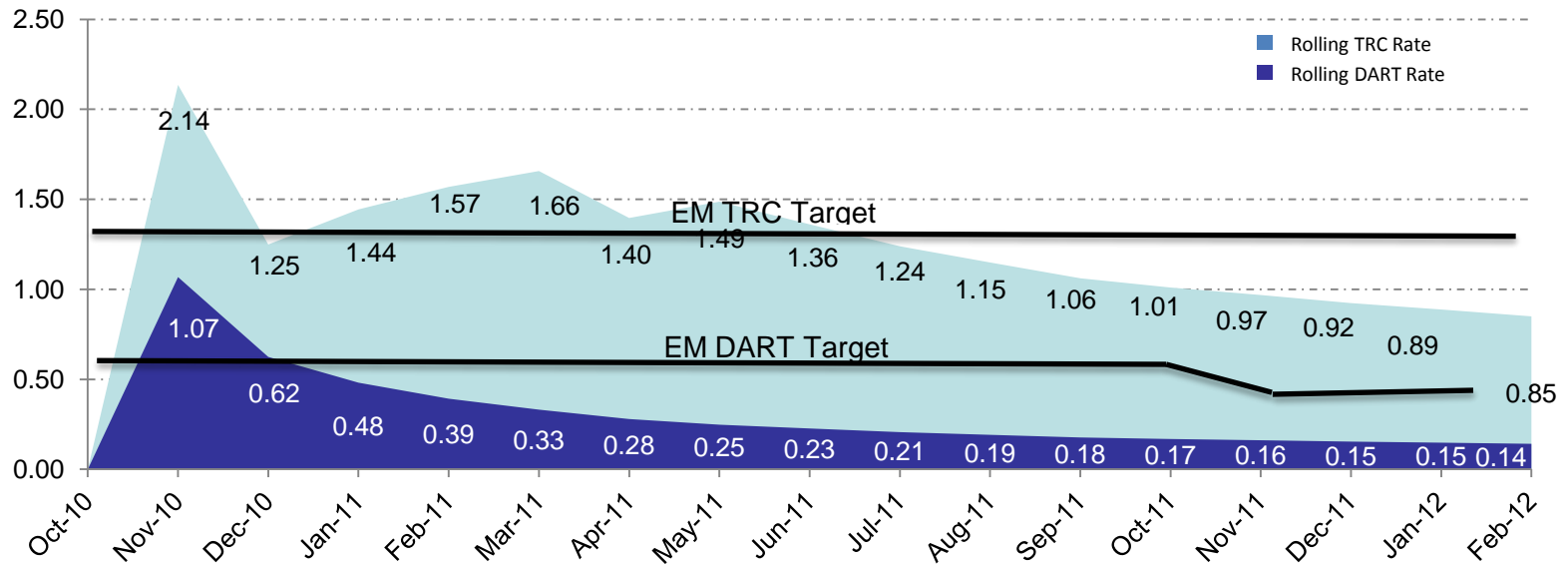
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# Site Achievements—LATA Kentucky Safety

- Completed more than 1 million man hours without a lost work day
- 45% reduction in safety incident reports (82 in FY 2011 vs. 149 in FY 2010)
- Implemented a revised work-control program to encourage worker feedback in procedure development
- 1.25 years since our last Lost Workday Case in November 2010
- 10 months since our last OSHA recordable incident in May 2011

*\* Statistics are as of end of February 2012*



# Paducah FY 13 Challenges

## Remediation of groundwater contamination

- Largest off-site groundwater plume in the DOE complex
- Depth of plume and nature of sources require innovative technology applications

## Burial grounds remediation

- 66 acres of unlined disposal areas
- Highly toxic, mobile nature of waste could require extensive excavation

## Demolition of inactive facilities

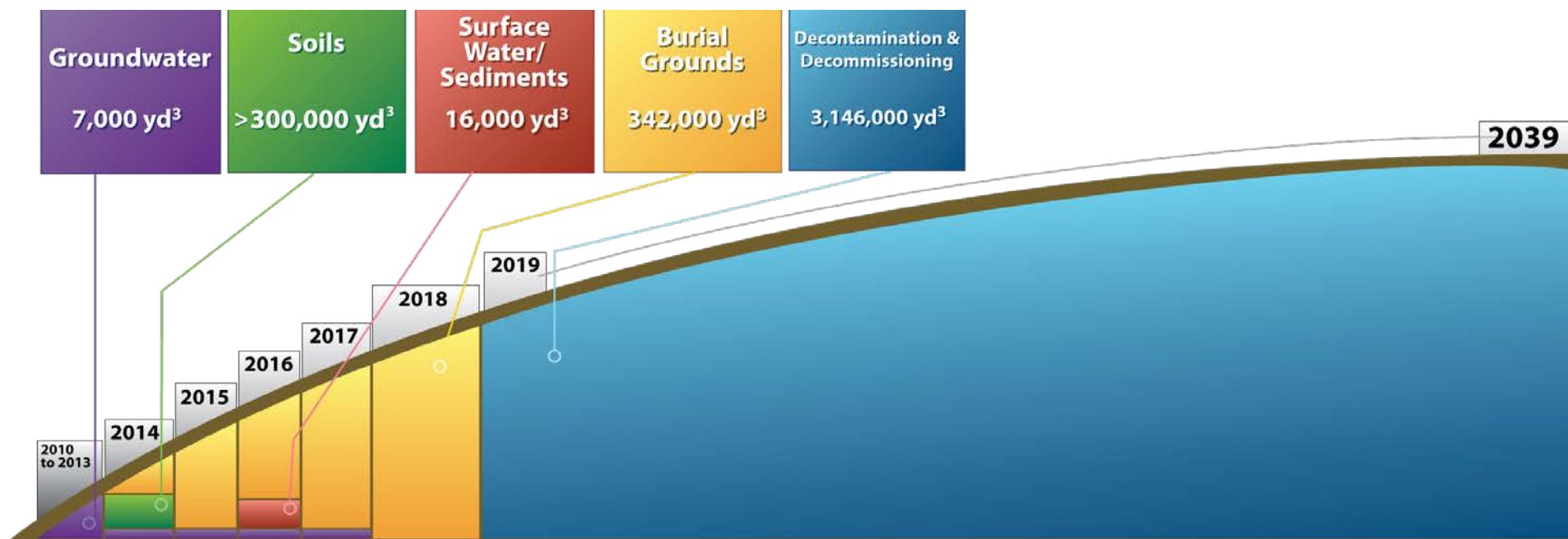
- Uranium ( $\text{UF}_6$ ) deposits react with air to form toxic gas ( $\text{HF}$ ), requiring advanced technologies to stabilize and remove
- High levels of radionuclide, PCB, and asbestos contamination in building systems

Chemical trap work in the C-410 Feed Plant



# Paducah FY 13 Challenges

- Cleanup program must be implemented without impact to operating facilities
- Uncertainty of USEC operations could realize significant implications to DOE's current cleanup priorities
- On-site waste disposal is critical to cost-effective cleanup strategy



# FY13 Cleanup Goals–Demolition

- Remove PCBs, asbestos siding, and nearly 400,000 cube feet of contaminated building debris for disposal, thereby reducing potential exposure to workers and the environment
- Treat  $\text{UF}_6$  and remove 9,000 linear feet of piping and systems highly contaminated with uranium and plutonium
- Demolish and complete waste disposal of the two remaining inactive facilities totaling > 200,000 square feet. This completes scope of the D&D Operable Unit under the Federal Facility Agreement 4 years ahead of the projected schedule.



C-410 Feed Plant after sprayed fixative had been applied



C-340 Metals Plant after sprayed fixative had been applied





# FY13 Cleanup Goals–Groundwater

## Primary Objectives

- 1) Contain and reduce the footprint of contaminated groundwater plumes; nearly 3 billion gallons treated to date
- 2) Control Migration of off-site Groundwater Contamination
  - Continue operations of NW plume pump-and-treat operations
  - Optimize the NE groundwater plume treatment system, thereby significantly reducing the off-site plume footprint (pumping nearly 150 gallons per minute)

2,100 acres area of contaminated groundwater





# FY13 Cleanup Goals - Groundwater

- Begin next phase of removal of up to 7,000 gallons of Trichloroethene (TCE) at C-400, using a combination of innovative technologies:
  - Electrical resistance heating targeting the shallow zones; finish construction and operation in 2013
  - Considering chemical oxidation targeting the deeper zones; start construction in 2013
- Start Deep Soil Mixing to clean up sources of SW groundwater plume



# FY13 Cleanup Goals—Other Projects

## Waste Disposition

- Submit Record of Decision (ROD) to regulators for long-term waste disposal
- Begin design of on-site disposal cell if that is the chosen remedy to address the nearly 4 million cubic yards of waste to be generated

## Burial Grounds (BG)

- Sign 1<sup>st</sup> BG Operable Unit ROD to address 4 of 10 unlined BG covering about 66 acres
- Characterize extent of high-risk wastes to support remedy selection at Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) 4



Heavy equipment loads waste material into a storage bin





# Paducah Community Support

- Paducah Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) is actively engaged with DOE
  - The CAB provided useful input in early 2012 for upcoming public meeting regarding long-term waste-disposal strategies
- DOE aggressively recruited members, and the CAB is fully staffed for the first time since 2003



Paducah Citizens Advisory Board discussion





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# Portsmouth DUF<sub>6</sub> Project

**Portsmouth Conversion Facility**

**Piketon/Portsmouth, OH**

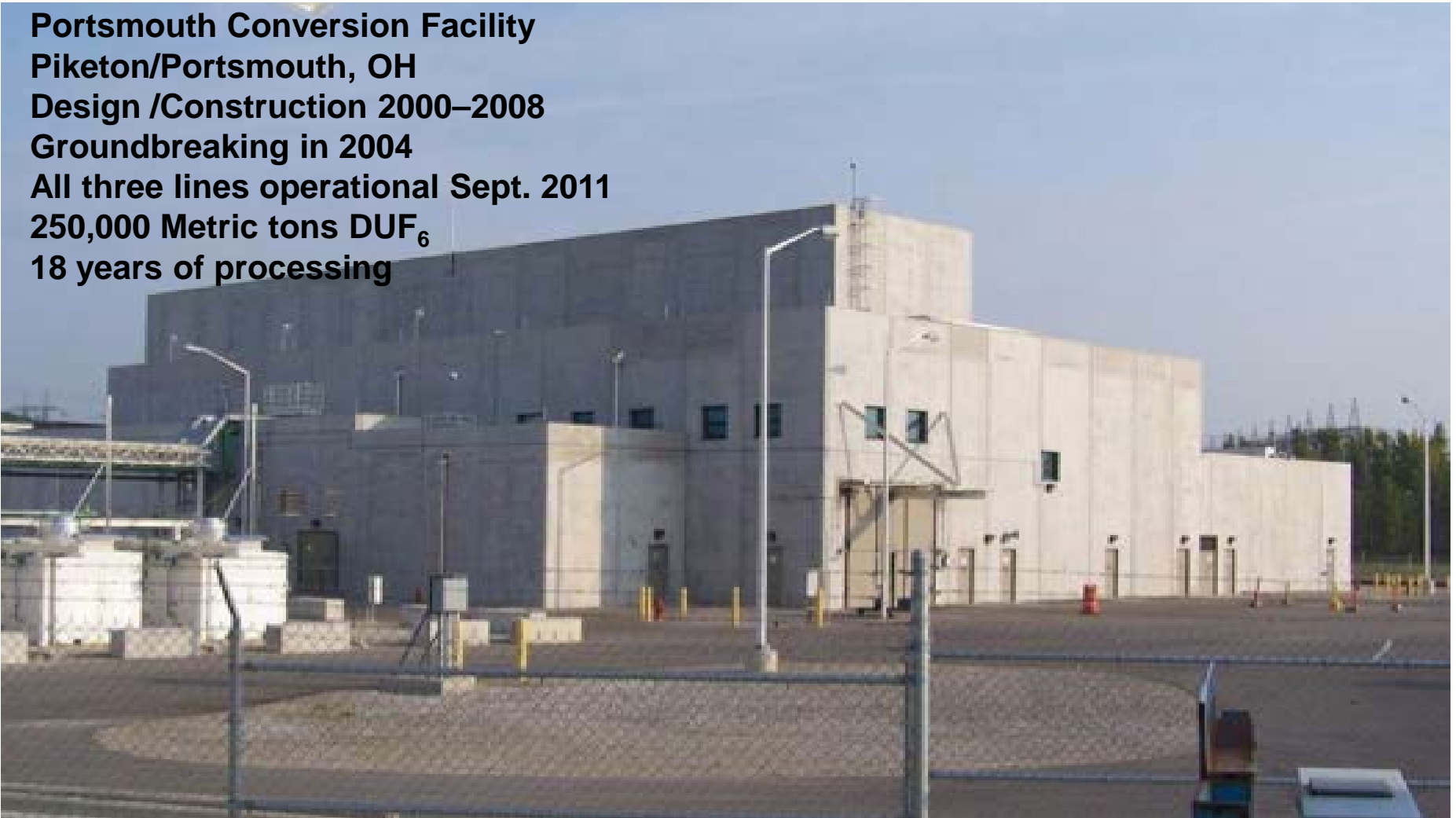
**Design /Construction 2000–2008**

**Groundbreaking in 2004**

**All three lines operational Sept. 2011**

**250,000 Metric tons DUF<sub>6</sub>**

**18 years of processing**



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# Paducah DUF<sub>6</sub> Project

**Paducah Conversion Facility**

**Paducah, KY**

**Design / Construction 2002–2008**

**Groundbreaking in 2004**

**Four lines all operational Sept 2011**

**485,000 Metric tons DUF<sub>6</sub>**

**25 years of processing**



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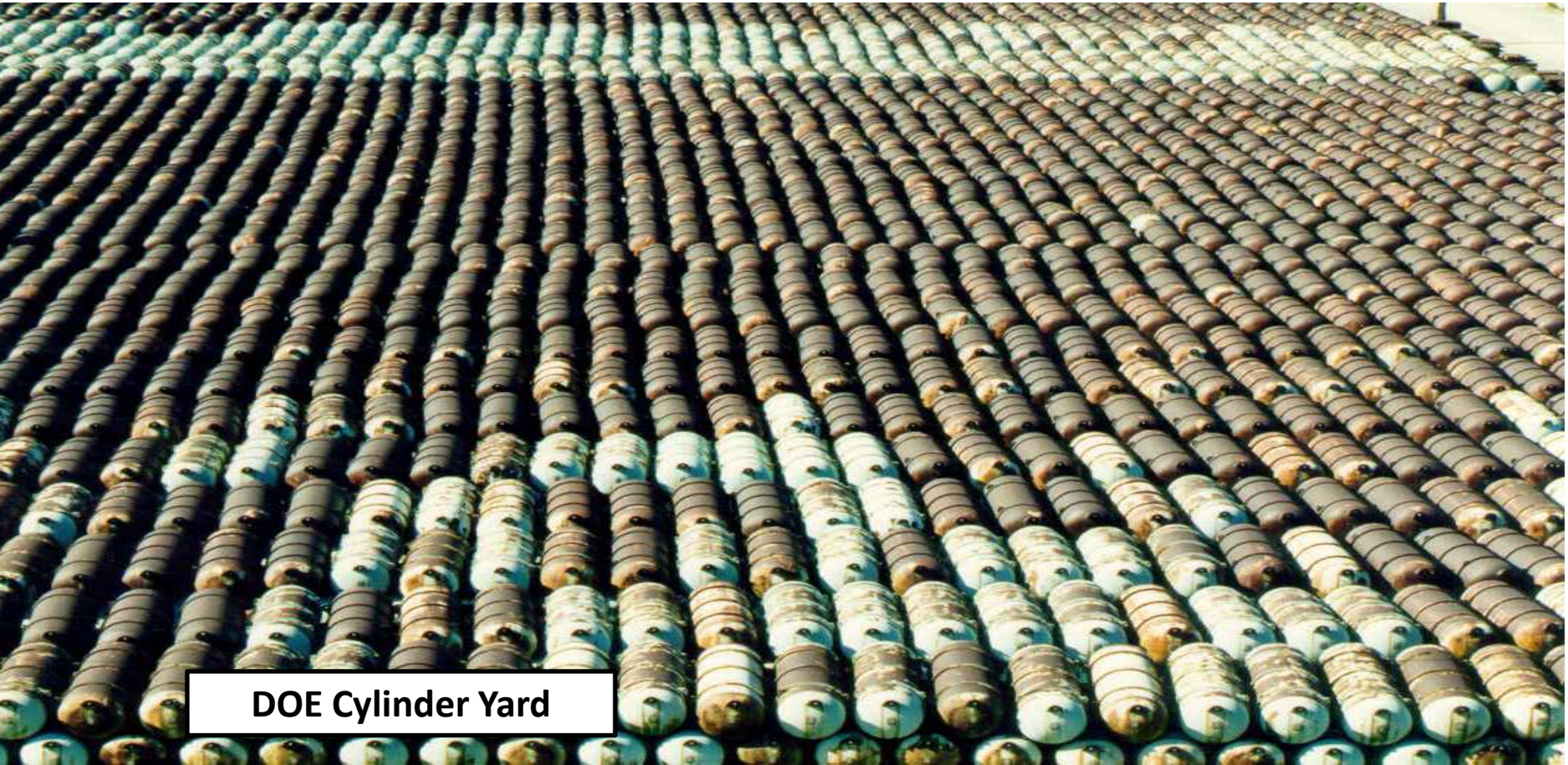
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# Portsmouth/Paducah DUF<sub>6</sub> Project

**Paducah 42,000 cylinders; Portsmouth 21,000 cylinders**

About 740,000 metric tons of DUF<sub>6</sub> is in storage under DOE control



**DOE Cylinder Yard**



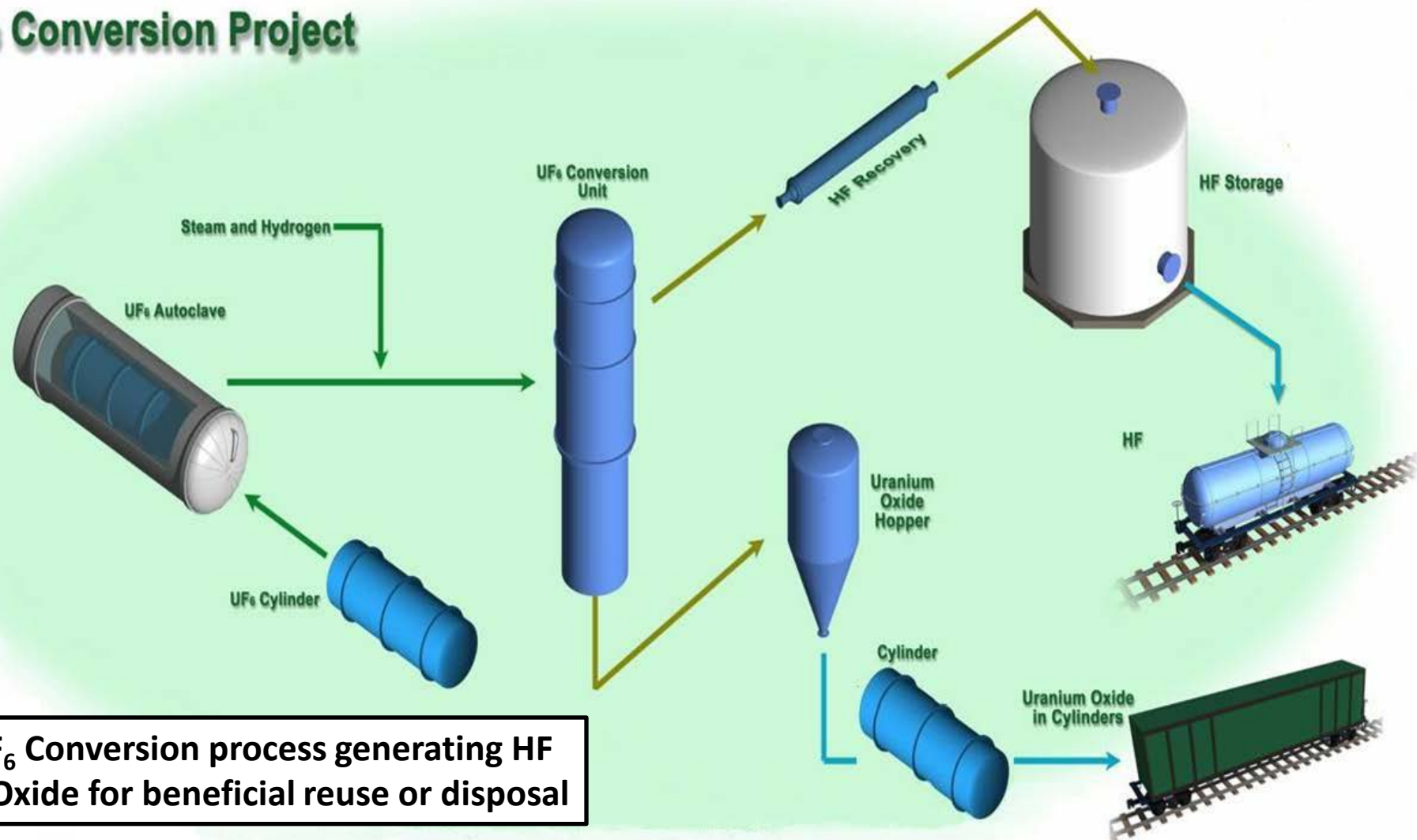
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# DUF<sub>6</sub> Conversion Process

## DUF<sub>6</sub> Conversion Project



DUF<sub>6</sub> Conversion process generating HF and Oxide for beneficial reuse or disposal



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# DUF<sub>6</sub> Funding

	<b>FY 11 Appropriations In Millions</b>	<b>FY 12 Current Appropriations In Millions</b>	<b>FY 13 Congressional Request In Millions</b>
<b>Portsmouth DUF<sub>6</sub> Plant</b>	\$48.4	\$48.1	\$49.3
<b>Paducah DUF<sub>6</sub></b>	49.6	\$50.9	\$39.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$98.0	\$99.0	\$88.8



# Portsmouth Paducah DUF<sub>6</sub> Project

## Inherent challenges:

- Workforce trained for testing and conversion operations
- Plants are in phased re-start performing proof of process
- New manufacturing operation/typical startup issues
- Many complex processes to integrate
- No steady state commercial experience
- Bench to production scale
- Integrating two cultures



DUF<sub>6</sub> Autoclaves



# Portsmouth Paducah DUF<sub>6</sub> Project

## Accomplishments:

### All 7 lines at both sites operable

Portsmouth has run 2 of 3 lines simultaneously

Paducah has run 3 of 4 lines simultaneously

Metric Tons of DUF<sub>6</sub> Processed:

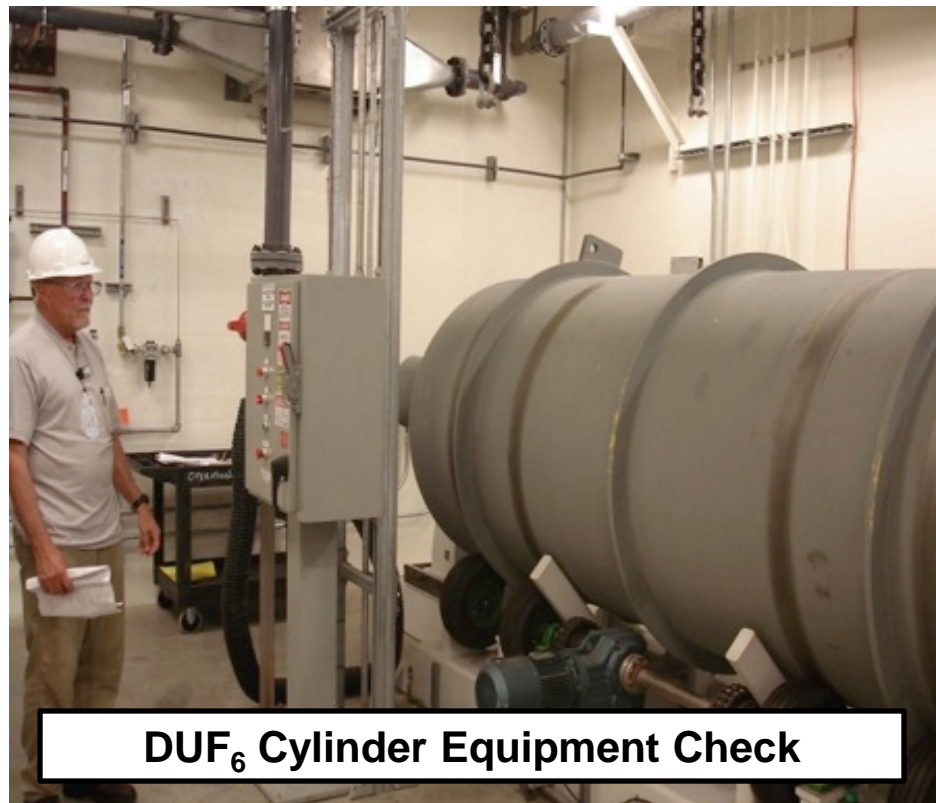
Paducah: 1181

Portsmouth: 957

Total: 2138



**DUF<sub>6</sub> Cylinder Lift Preparation**



**DUF<sub>6</sub> Cylinder Equipment Check**

## Goals FY12/13:

**Achieve full design production capability in FY12**

Continue process improvements to increase production rates



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