Tonight's Agenda

- Air Monitoring & Managing Risk
- Portsmouth Site Update
- Co-located Air Monitoring Data
- Public Comments/Questions





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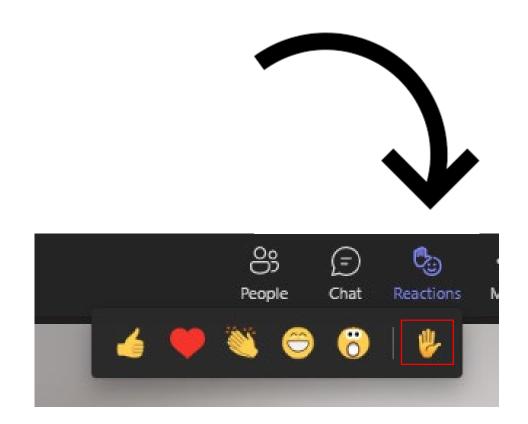






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Air Monitoring & Managing Risk

Kathryn Higley, PhD, CHP, HPS Fellow

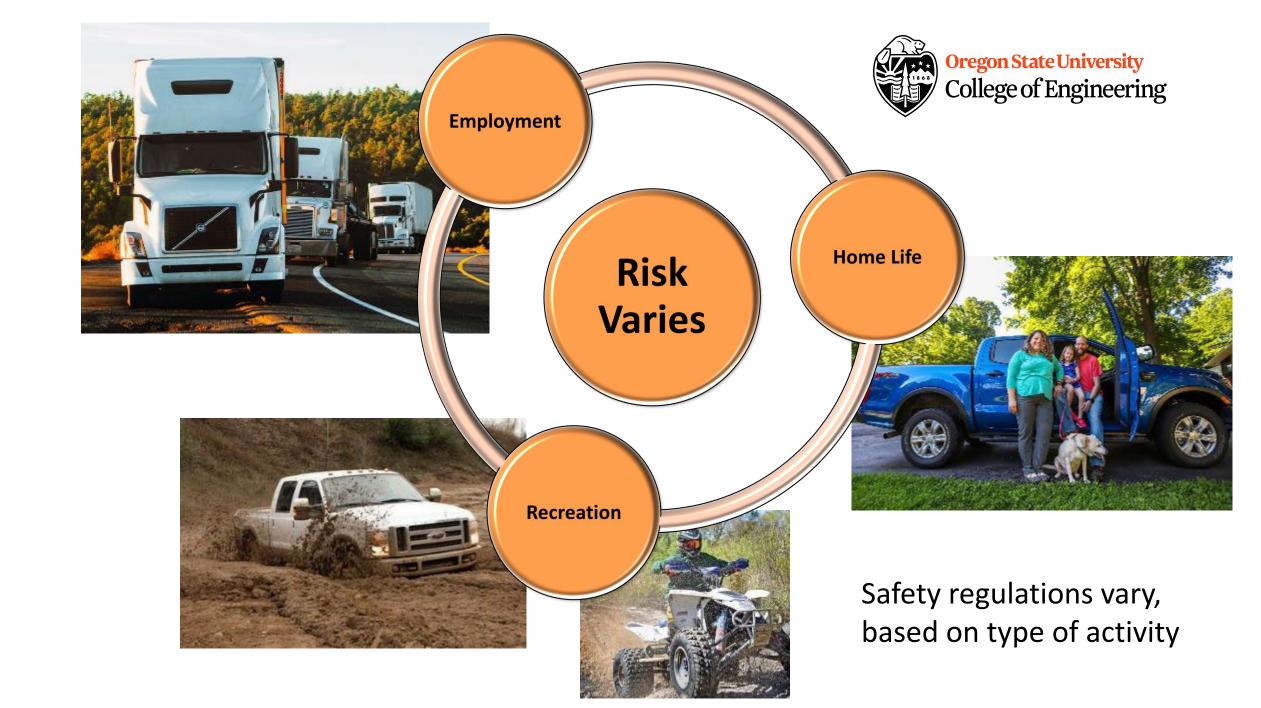
Professor





Kathryn A. Higley is a Professor, and former Head of the School of Nuclear Science and Engineering in the College of Engineering at Oregon State University. She is the Interim Director of the Center for Quantitative Life Sciences. She has managed OSU's Radiation Health Physics program, including developing its online graduate degree, into the largest in the country.

Dr. Higley has been at Oregon State University since 1994 teaching undergraduate and graduate classes on radioecology, dosimetry, radiation protection, radiochemistry, and radiation biology. She is also a council member of the National Council on Radiation Protection. She is a board member and fellow of the Health Physics Society and a Certified Health Physicist. Dr. Higley and her students have done research in radiologically contaminated environments around the globe.



Close-in <u>and</u> distant monitoring are used, for radioactivity and airborne releases

- Example from decommissioning at another DOE site→
- "Bullseye" pattern
 - Highest concentrations generally close-in to ongoing work
- At PORTS
 - Multiple movable monitors follow work activity
 - Protecting public and environment (lower concentrations), may require longer sampling times and use of *fixed* monitor locations

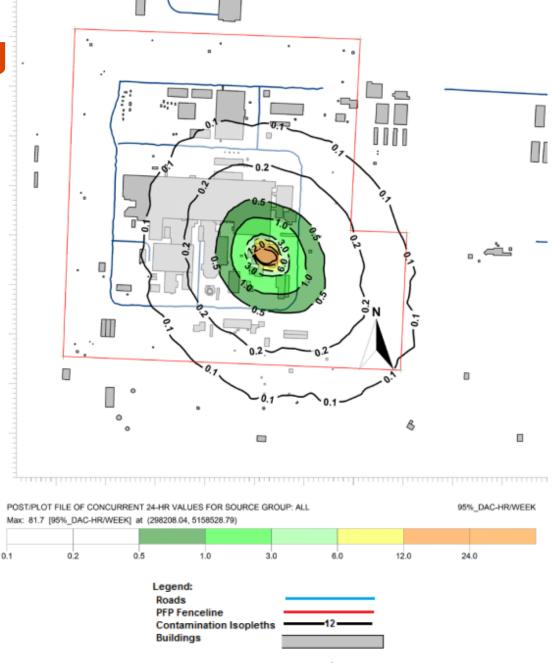
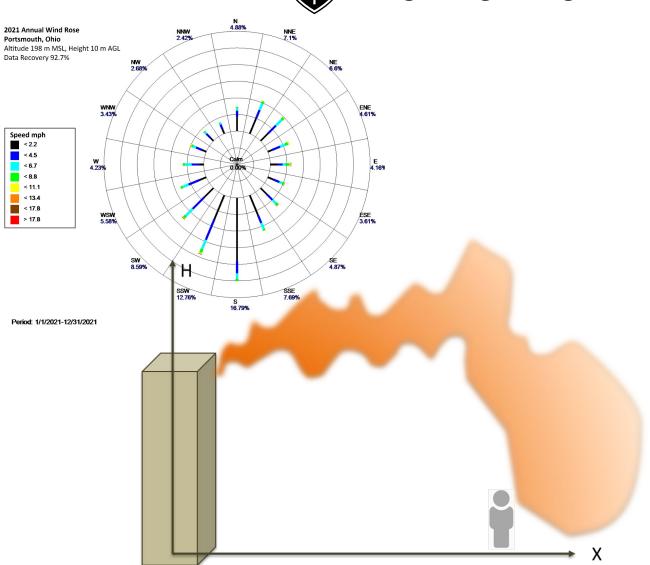


Figure S.2. Predicted Weekly Air Exposure (DAC-hr/week) 95th Percentile Values for 236Z Rubble Pile Removal for the 60-day Removal Option



Placing air monitors

- → Windrose shows most common directions and wind speeds
- → How far from the release should monitors be located?
 - Computer models predict locations
 - Sampling locations assess and confirm





- Occupational:
 - 40+ hour per week exposure
 - Age $\sim 18 70$ years
- Public:
 - Assume up to 24-hour continuous exposure
 - All ages and includes at risk or sensitive groups (very young or very old)
- Result:
 - Different exposure limits for each group
 - Public limits lower (10% to 0.2%)







What's being sampled

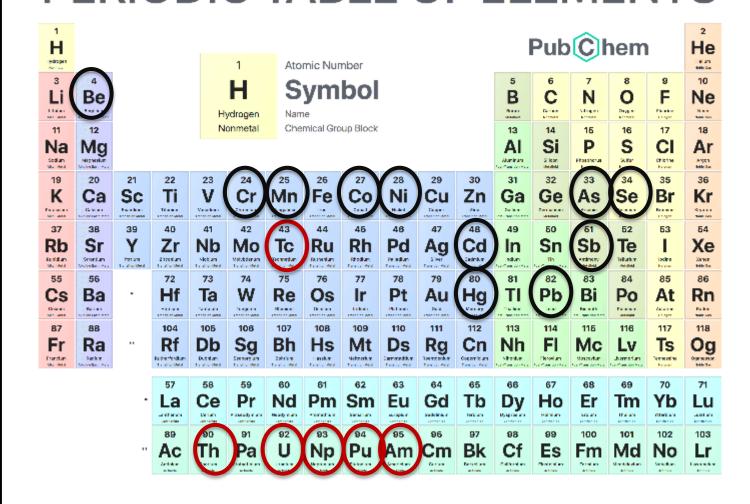


Metals	Radionuclides
Antimony	Americium-241
Arsenic	Neptunium-237
Beryllium	Plutonium-238
Cadmium	Plutonium-239/240
Chromium	Thorium-228
Cobalt	Thorium-230
Lead	Thorium-232
Manganese	Total Uranium
Mercury	Uranium-233/234
Nickel	Uranium-235/236
Selenium	Uranium-238
	Technetium-99

Asbestos

Volatile organic compounds

PERIODIC TABLE OF ELEMENTS



Potential Sources

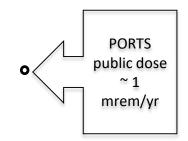


- Metals
 - Geochemical (natural)
 - Human caused: electronics, coal plants, vehicle exhaust
- Radionuclides
 - Uranium (natural, mining, fertilizers, nuclear...)
 - Technetium (fallout, nuclear)
- Other
 - Asbestos (natural and technology)
 - Volatile organics (autos, factories, fires..)

Radiation Dose from Natural Radioactivity in Soils 73 mrad/year 65 57 50 52 46 48 42 39 36 38 33 35 31 31 27 28 25 25 22 21 18 17 15 12 11 52 mrad/year Dose (nGy/Hr) Gamma-ray Absorbed Dose (nGy/hr) (kilometers) NAD27/*DNAG

Radiation Sources & Doses for the Public

Natural ~ 300 mrem/yr Background: ~ 600 mrem/yr



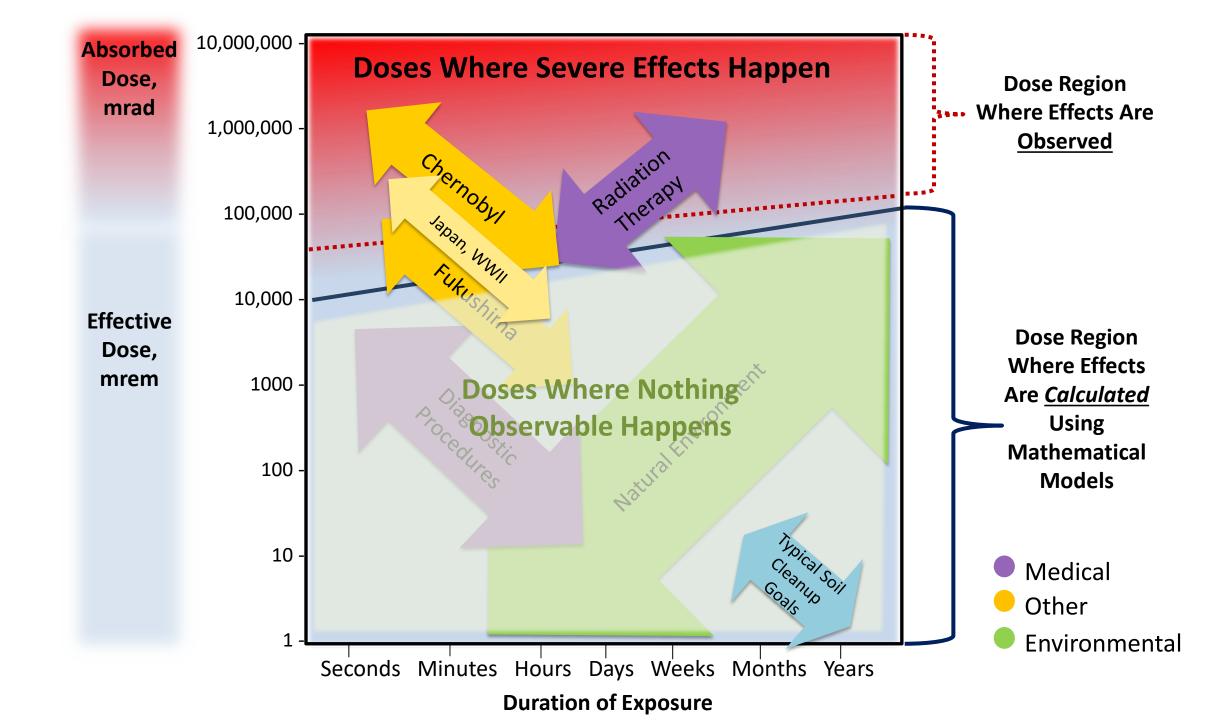
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Dose (nGy/hr)
(kilometers)
Cosmic-ray Exposure (nGy/hr)

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Radiation doses coming from outer space (annual average)

Medical ~ 300 mrem/yr





How to Achieve this Endpoint

Oregon State University College of Engineering

The requirements

- Protect workers
- Protect the public
- Protect the environment

The process

- Review, analyze, plan, implement
 - Pick monitoring locations for safety & relevance
 - Decontaminate & decommission & deconstruct
 - Release for redevelopment



Summary



- Acceptable / regulated risk varies
 - Work
 - Play
 - General living
- The goal of remediation
 - Not to eliminate all risk from site
 - Reduces risk to acceptable level for workers, public and environment
 - Safety *is* always part of the consideration
- Thank you!





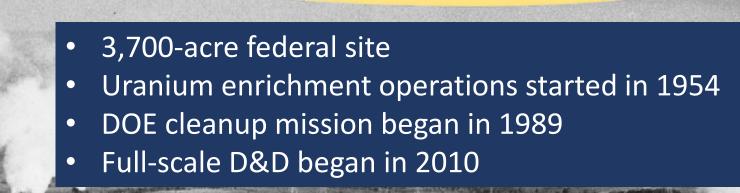
Jeremy Davis, Acting Portsmouth Site Lead



- 20 years of experience in the nuclear industry
- Life-long resident of Pike County
- B.S. Natural Sciences of Biology, Chemistry and Geology
- Experience:
 - Project Management
 - Environmental Compliance
 - Hazardous Waste Management
 - Environmental Program Integration and Facility Oversight
- Certified Hazardous Material Manager and Project Management
 Professional



Portsmouth Site History



COLD WAR

1954-1989

Nuclear Defense

POST COLD WAR

1989-2001

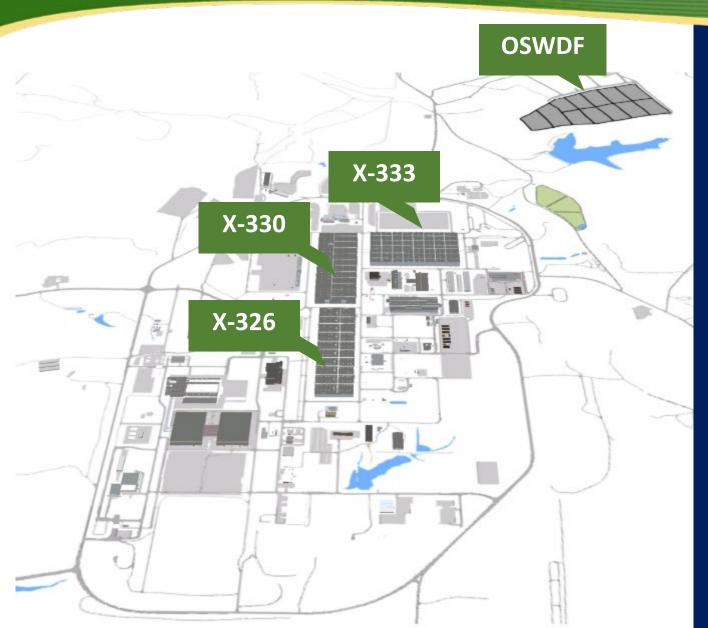
- Commercial Nuclear Power
- Environmental Cleanup

CLEANUP

2001-Current

- Environmental Cleanup
- Decontamination & Decommissioning
 - Property Transfer & Reuse

Portsmouth Ten Year Deactivation, Demolition and Cleanup Focus



- Complete deactivation and demolition of X-326, X-333 and X-330 Process Buildings
- Complete construction of On Site Waste Disposal Facility (OSWDF) cells to support disposal of demolition debris
- Excavate landfills and plumes within
 Perimeter Road for OSWDF fill and provide contiguous land for future economic development
- Transfer land to the Southern Ohio
 Diversification Initiative (SODI) for reuse

Demolition Safety Planning

- A safe and methodical demolition plan, approved by Ohio EPA
- Lessons learned from decommissioning experience at DOE projects across the country
- Hazards removed from the building to make it safe for demolition
- Trained, experienced and capable workforce
- Protective measures to minimize disturbance of any residual radiological or chemical contaminants during demolition
- Robust environmental monitoring program



X-326 Process Building Demolition and Cleanup

- Demolition began in May 2021
- Structural demolition completed June 10, 2022
- Debris generated
 ~135,000 cubic yards of
 debris, which is being
 size reduced and sent
 to the OSWDF for
 disposal

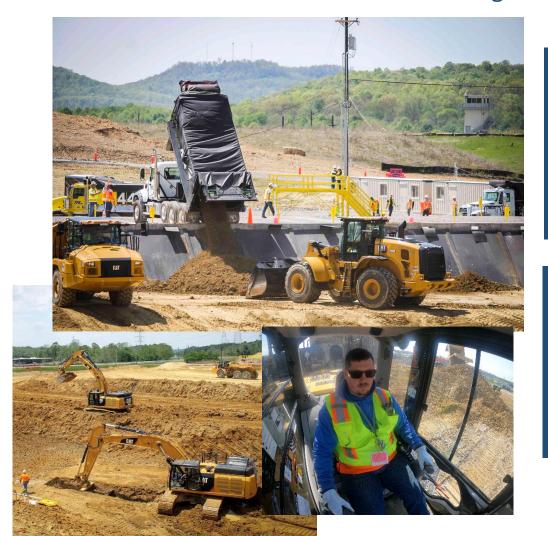






Contaminated Plume Excavation

- Provides compaction fill for debris disposal at OSWDF
- Leaves behind more acreage for site redevelopment

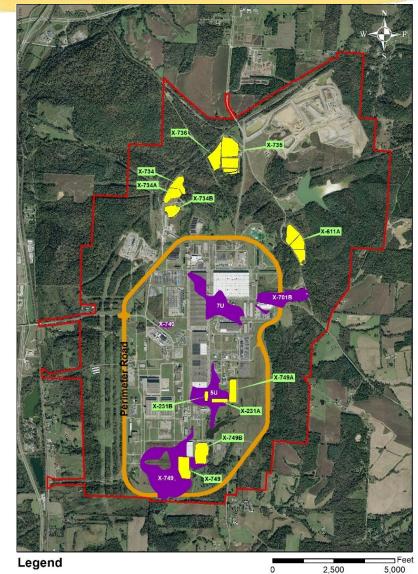


X-740 Plume Excavation

- Excavation complete
- Delivered 40,000 cubic yards of soil/fill to the OSWDF

X-231B Plume Excavation

- In progress
- Excavation anticipated to be completeSummer 2022



Landfills

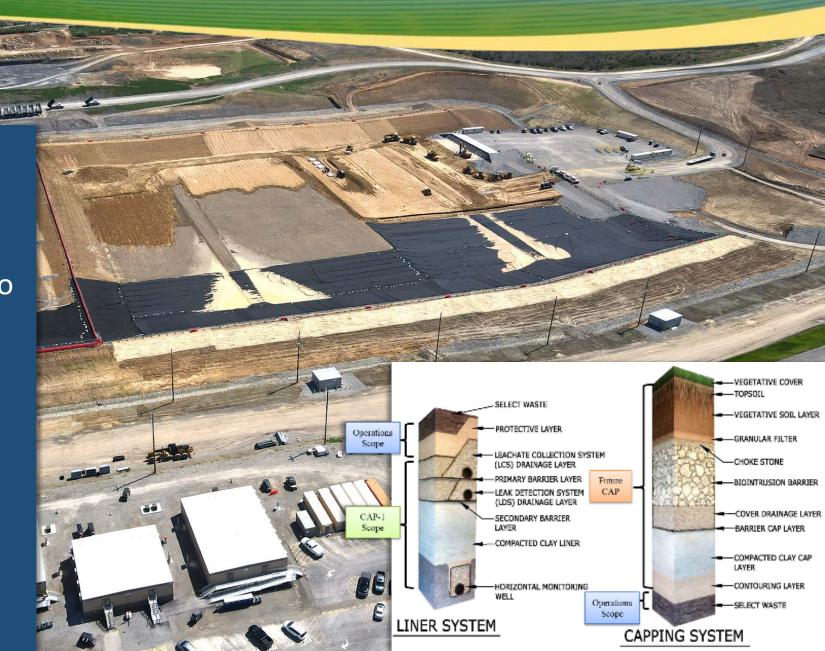
Groundwater Plumes

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On-Site Waste Disposal Facility

 The OSWDF is a specially engineered disposal site with a multi-layer liner and cap system designed to consolidate demolition debris and rubble into one centralized confined space that protects public health and the environment

- Accommodates more than 5M cubic yards of waste and engineered fill
- Divided into individual cells (12). One process building takes up approximately 3 cells

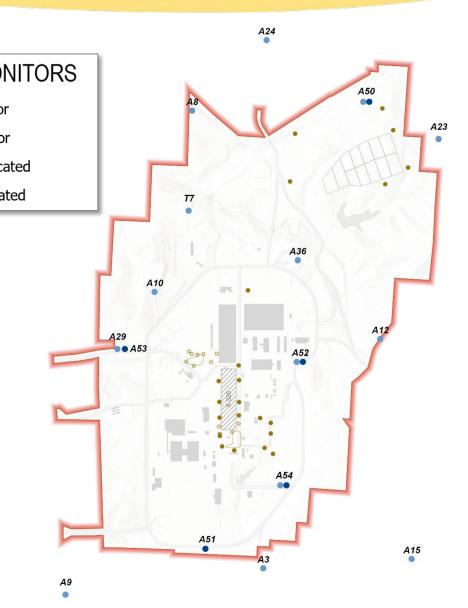


Real-Time Air Monitoring

180 air monitors
 located on and off
 site to ensure that
 the project maintains
 control of dust
 generated during
 demolition and
 disposal activities

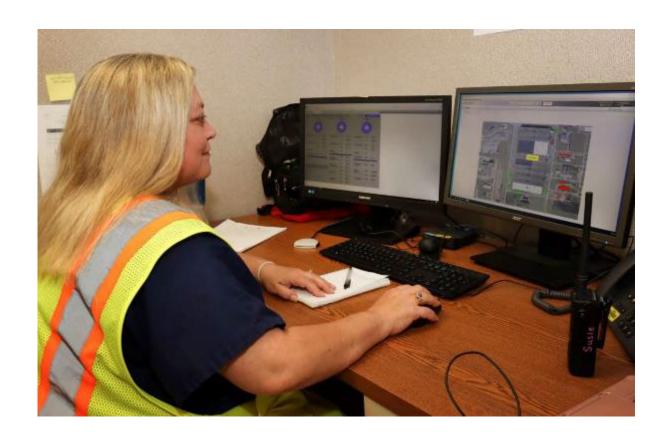


- Monitors measure radiological and nonradiological particulates
- Results are measured at varying intervals, including real-time



Real-Time Air Monitoring Approach

- Real-Time Monitoring provides the first line of defense
- Thresholds are established so emissions at the project boundary meet established limits, these thresholds provide assurance that limits at the property boundary will be safe and compliant
- This provides the ability to immediately react to field activity to adjust operations or apply additional controls
- Weather conditions are also monitored real-time to ensure activities are conducted within acceptable conditions



X-326 Process Building Real-Time Monitoring Trends to Date

- Results shared with the public:
 - Weekly, Monthly, Quarterly
 www.portsdemo.com
 - Annually with the Site
 Environment Report –
 http://eic.ports.pppo.gov
- Independent verification of data from Ohio EPA and Ohio Department of Health









X-333 Process Building Deactivation

- The next building to be demolished, it is the largest of the three process buildings (66 acres of floor space)
- The material sizing area is performing steady-state operations of large component disassembly for safe placement in the OSWDF



Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride Conversion

DUF6 Mission

Convert DOE's inventory of DUF6, produced during uranium enrichment, into a more stable uranium oxide for:

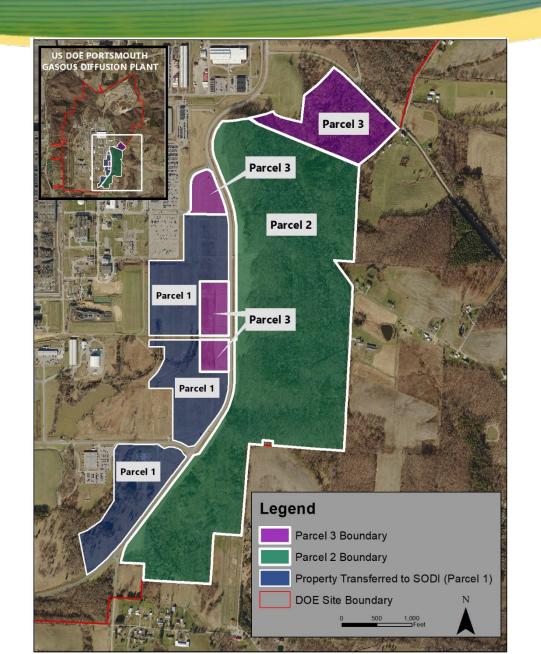
- Reuse
- Storage
- Transportation
- Disposition



Future of Portsmouth Site

Site Reuse

- DOE is implementing a systematic approach to turn over parcels of land from the Portsmouth Site for potential reuse by private industry
- The parcels are transferred to the Southern Ohio Diversification Initiative (SODI), the recognized Community Reuse Organization
 - Parcel 1 80 acres
 - Parcel 2 227 acres
 - Parcel 3 48 acres
- SODI is working to find industries/companies interested



Community Commitment Plan

- The Community Commitment Plan (CCP) is part of Fluor-BWXT's D&D contract at Portsmouth.
- Focus on four main areas:
 - Educational Outreach
 - Regional Purchasing
 - Community Giving
 - Economic Development





CCP Impact*

- ➤ **16,000** students have participated in educational outreach programs.
- \$550M has been committed to local companies for goods and services.
- > \$2.9M has been donated by Fluor-BWXT and employees to local charitable organizations.
- \$4.9M has been invested to create or retain jobs.*Since 2011



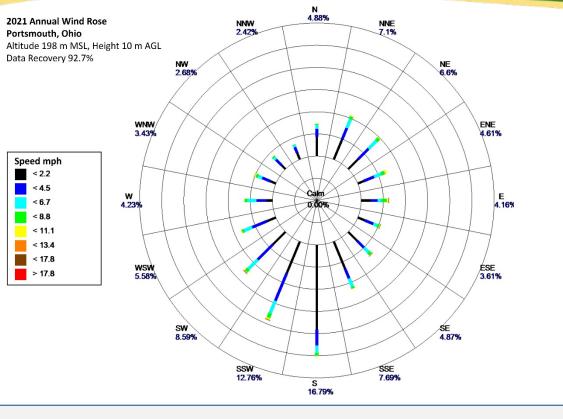
X-326 Process Building Demolition Air Monitoring Data Results

Frank Johnston, Director of Environmental Protection Fluor-BWXT Portsmouth

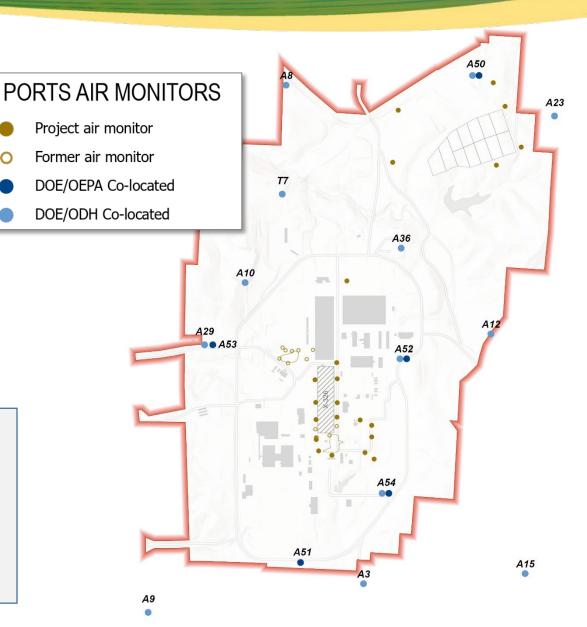


- 37 years experience
- Experienced in Environmental Management and Compliance:
 - Remedial Design/Remedial Action Implementation and Compliance
 - Environmental Management Systems
 - Environmental Permitting
- Experienced in the design, startup and operation of:
 - Remedial Response Actions
 - Air Emission Control Systems
 - Industrial and Municipal Wastewater Treatment Facilities
- B.S. Chemical Engineering
- Masters Business Administration

X-326 Process Building Air Monitoring



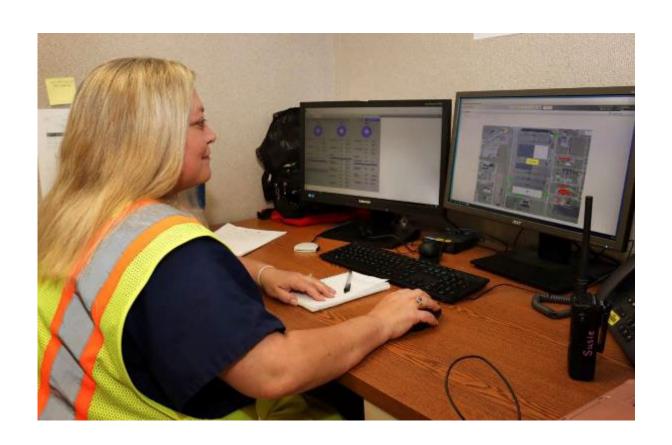
Using input from the community, DOE lessons learned, industry best practices, meteorological data, and air modeling, the Portsmouth site Air Monitoring Network provides a layering of air monitoring equipment from the project boundary to off-site locations.





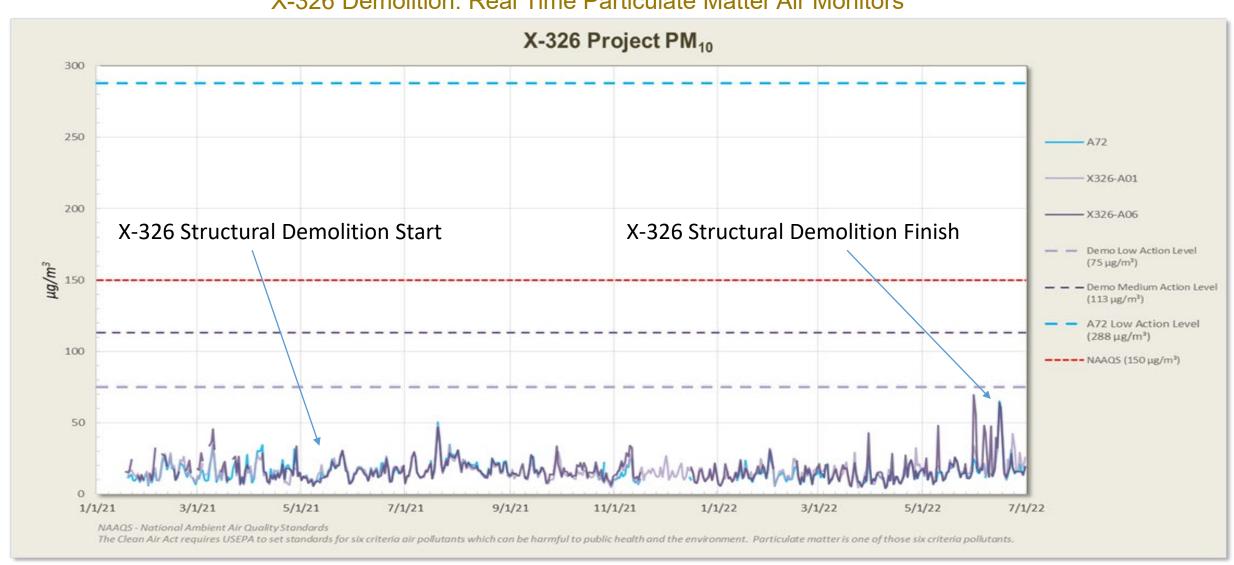
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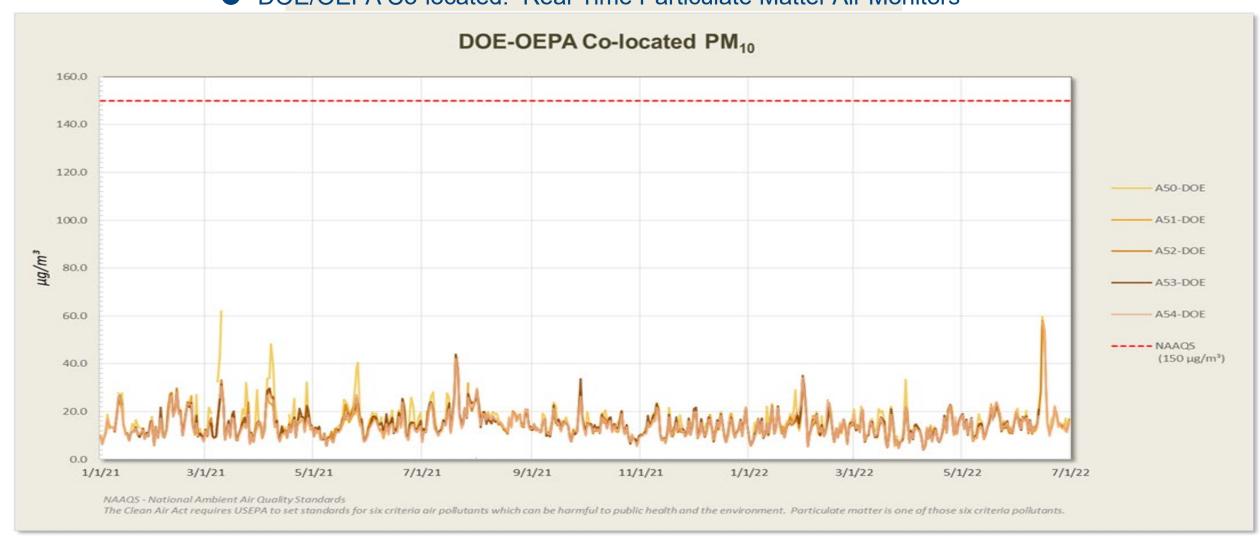
UPDATE – Real Time Particulate Matter

X-326 Demolition: Real Time Particulate Matter Air Monitors

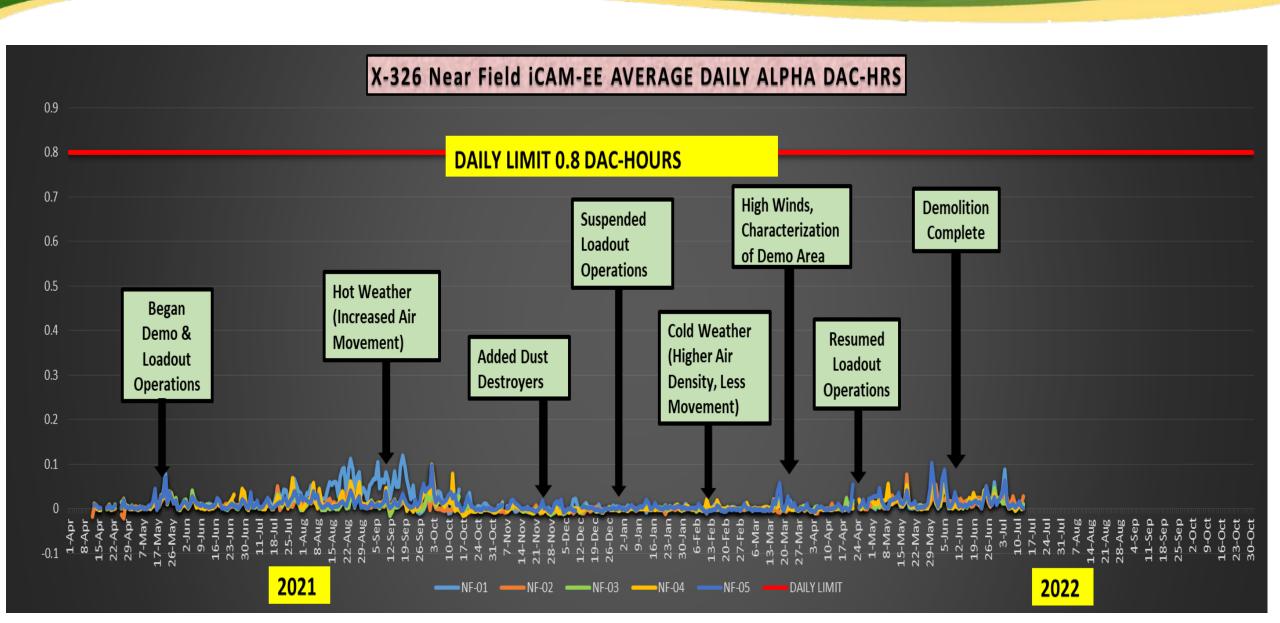


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DOE/OEPA Co-located: Real-Time Particulate Matter Air Monitors



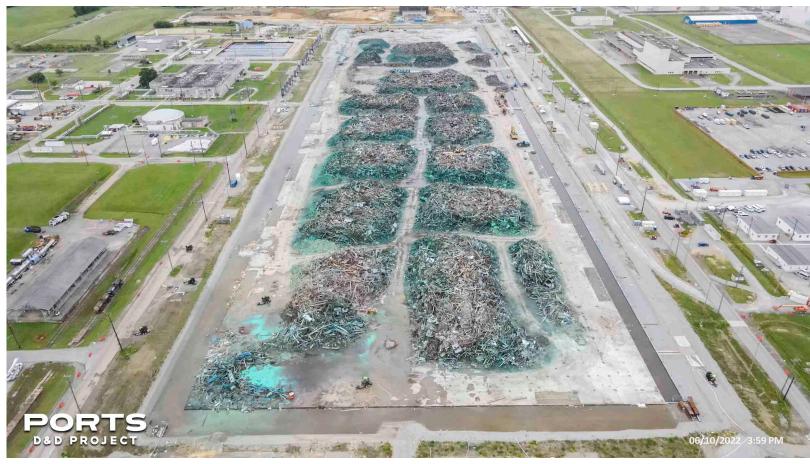




X-326 Process Building Real-Time Monitoring Trends to Date

- PM data recorded to date indicate good control of fugitive dust
- Application of water misting and fixative application are proving to be effective
- Real-time alpha/beta
 measurements indicate the
 controls instituted are protective
 of workers and the public







Identifying Contaminants of Concern for Air Modeling/Monitoring

- The majority of the chemical and radiological hazards were removed during the deactivation of the X-326 from 2011 2020
- Some contaminants remain due to residual chemical contamination, residual radiological contamination and contaminants associated with the building materials
- The "Contaminants of Concern" were selected based on the operational history and materials of construction of the X-326 Process Building
 - Non-Radiological contaminants (e.g. Metals, Asbestos, VOCs, PCBs)
 - Radiological contaminants (e.g. Uranium; Technetium)







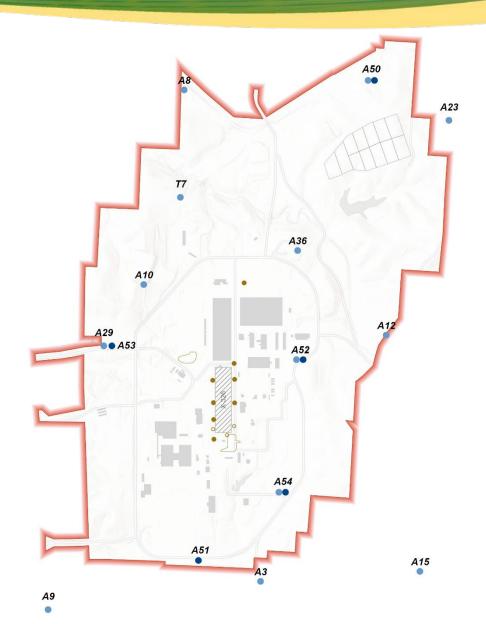
Air Modeling Drives the Air Monitoring Program

- A comprehensive X-326 demolition air modeling effort was conducted during the demolition design process
- The report was peer reviewed by an independent expert retained by FBP and by a separate independent expert retained by DOE
- Air emissions calculations and air dispersion modeling assessments evaluate source-specific and cumulative impacts from activities planned
- D&D and all other site activities can be completed in compliance with Clean Air Act requirements and established emissions standards
- Ohio EPA concurred with the modeling report on May 20, 2020

This air modeling effort was used to establish appropriate locations for the Portsmouth Air Monitoring Network, parameters to be analyzed and action levels employed during work.

- X-326 Demolition
 - 8 locations
- DOE/ODH Co-located
 - 18 locations

- DOE/OEPA Co-located
 - 5 locations



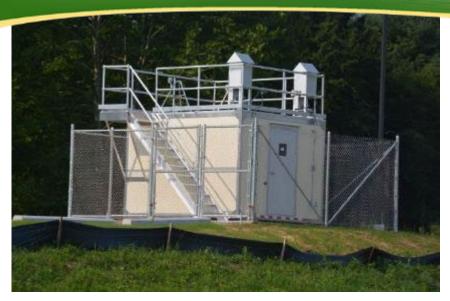






- Provides a redundancy in air sampling to help confirm air emission impacts from on and off-site activities are consistently measured
- Regulators and the public have an independent mechanism to evaluate air emission data thus increasing confidence in the data collected
- Provides an increased level of transparency with state regulatory agencies

Co-located Air Monitoring Types



Ohio EPA/DOE Co-Located

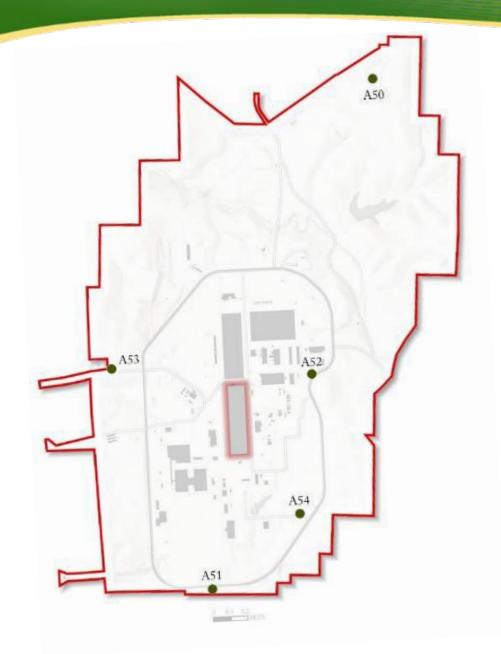
- 5 locations on site
- Monitoring for:
 - Particulate matter
 - VOCs
 - Metals
 - Asbestos
- Data is gathered, analyzed and validated independent of DOE
- Data published quarterly



ODH/DOE Co-Located

- 18 locations on site and off site
- Monitoring for:
 - RADs (radiological)
 - Fluoride*
- Data is gathered, analyzed and validated independent of DOE
- Data published quarterly

DOE/Ohio EPA Non-Radiological Sampling



- Metals: Antimony, Arsenic, Beryllium, Cadmium, Chromium, Cobalt, Lead, Manganese, Mercury, Nickel, and Selenium are sampled weekly
- Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)
 (Trichloroethene and others) are sampled weekly
- Fibers/Asbestos fibers is sampled weekly

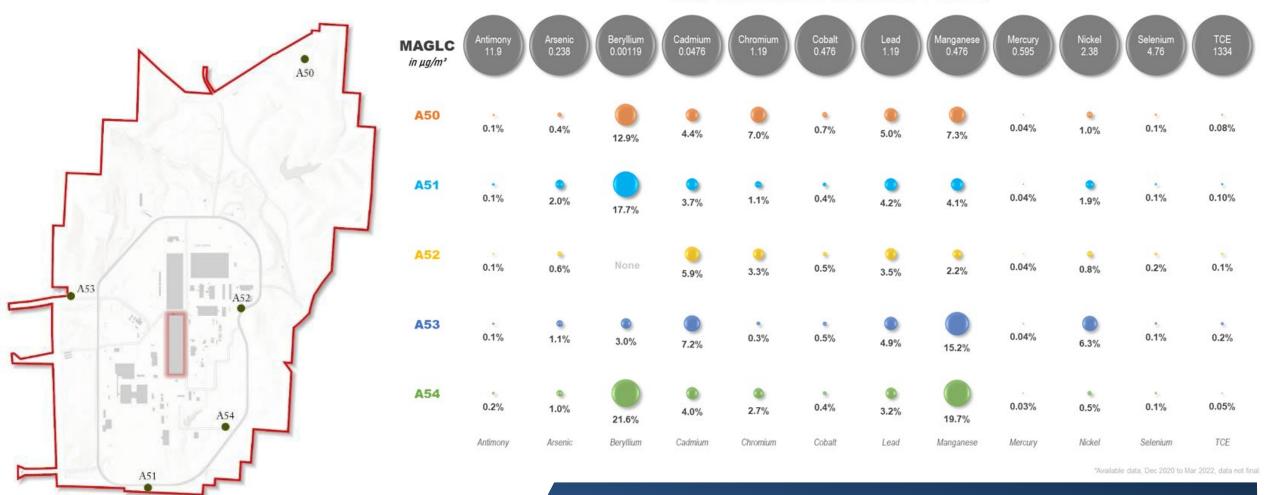
Non – Radiological Monitoring Limits

- Per Ohio EPA Technical Guidance, the Maximum Acceptable Ground-Level Concentration (MAGLC) is used as the basis for comparison of our air monitoring data.
- The MAGLC is a calculated value based on exposure and operational assumptions.
- The MAGLC is established for non-radiological parameters at the property boundary.
 Analytical data are then compared to the corresponding MAGLC.
- The use of the MAGLC and the associated calculations were presented in the Air Modeling Report approved by Ohio EPA

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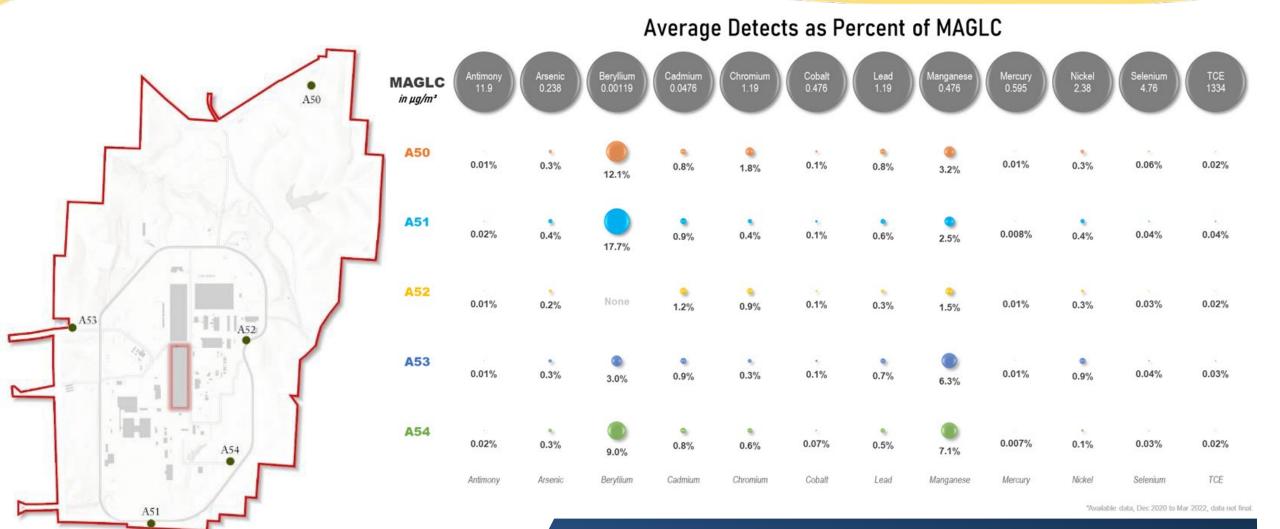
DOE Data at DOE/Ohio EPA Co-Located Stations

Max Detects as Percent of MAGLC



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Airborne Asbestos Sampling

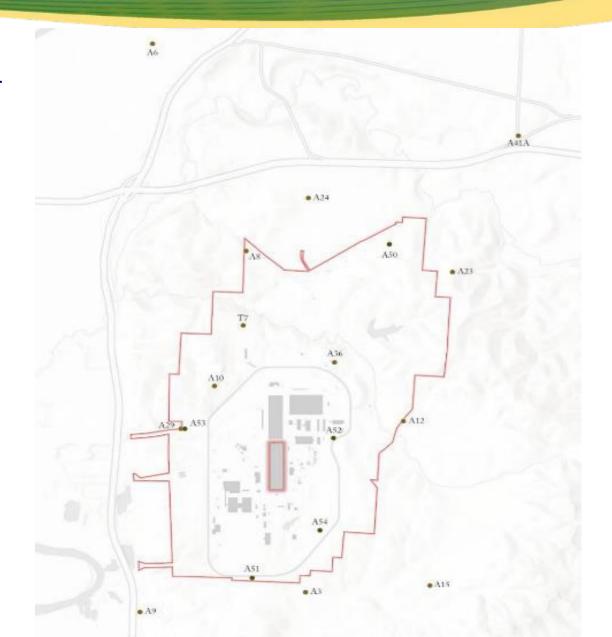
- Airborne asbestos sampling is taken on a weekly frequency
 - Sampling collects all fibers
 - Asbestos monitoring is also conducted Industrial Hygiene technicians for worker protection
- DOE uses National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) approved methods
 - NIOSH methods for sampling and analysis are nationally recognized and standard industry practice



Samples are sent to an independent laboratory for analysis

No indication of asbestos fibers at the DOE/Ohio EPA co-located air

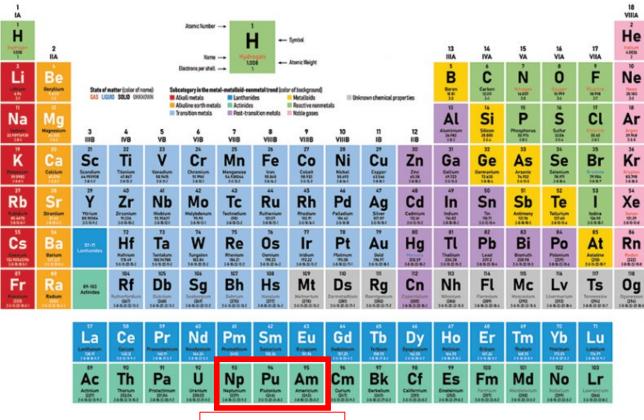
- Transuranics: Americium-241, Neptunium-237, Plutonium-238, Plutonium-239/240 (sampled quarterly)
- Thorium Isotopes: Thorium-228, Thorium-230, Thorium-232 (sampled quarterly)
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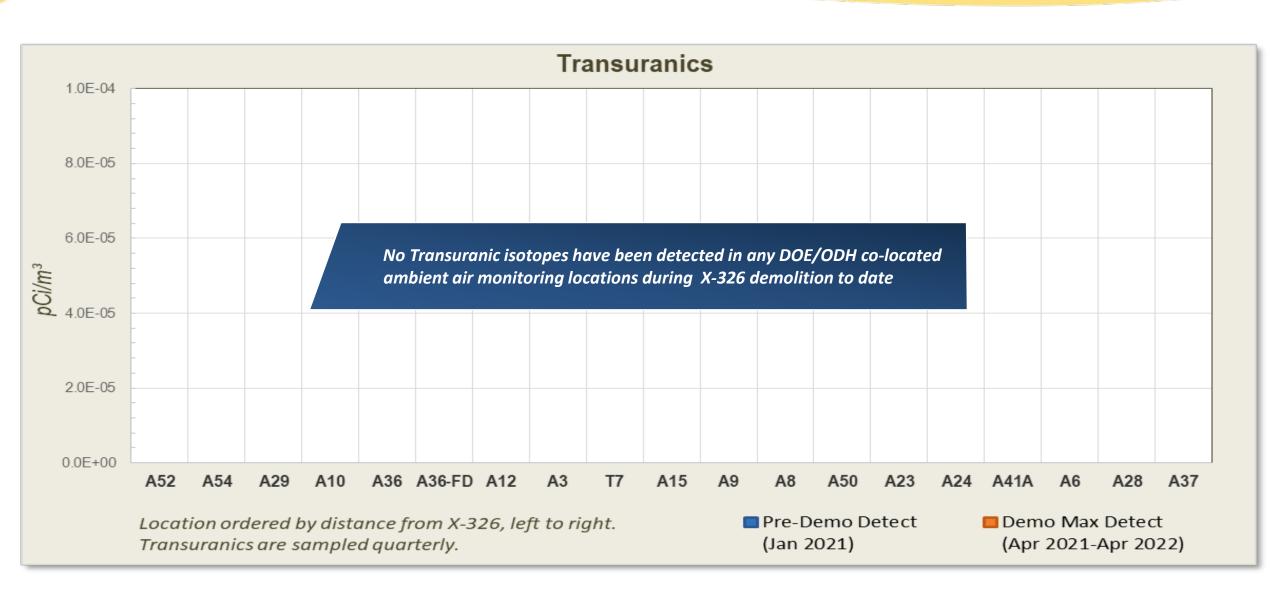
Transuranics at Portsmouth

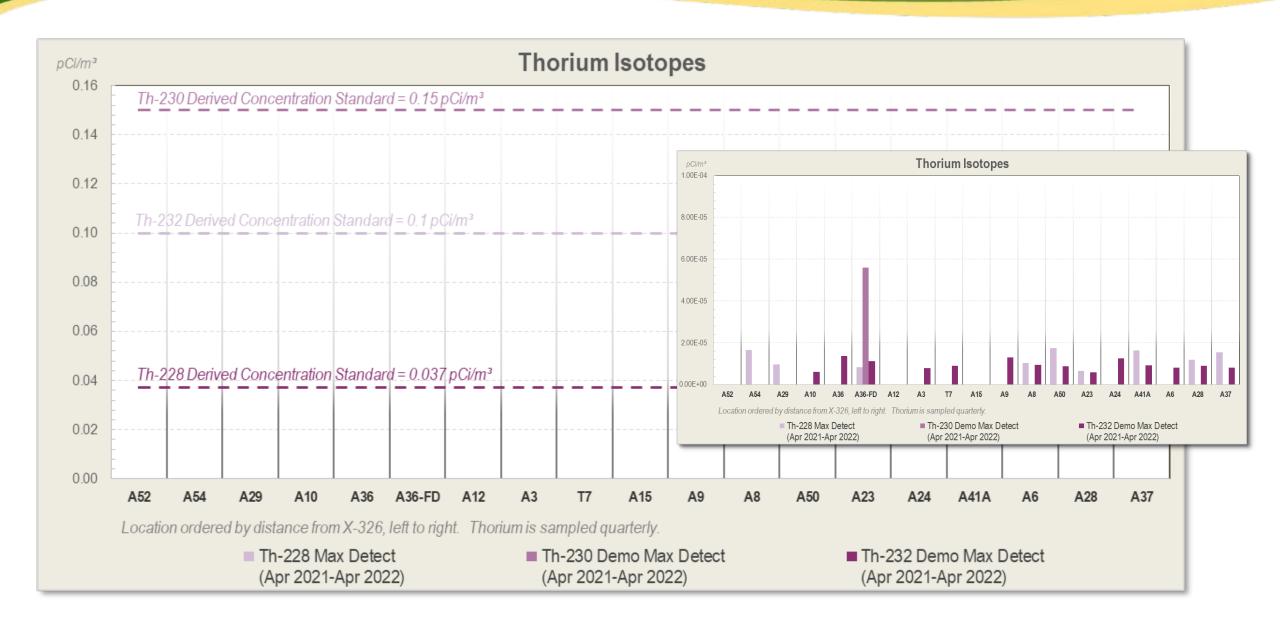
- Transuranic elements (e.g., Np, Pu, Am) are heavier than uranium and listed after uranium on the Periodic Table of the Elements
- Isotopes of Np, Pu, and Am have been continuously monitored at the ambient air monitors in and around PORTS since the mid-90s
- Transuranic isotopes have been occasionally detected in ambient air samples at concentrations well below the regulatory limits through the last two plus decades

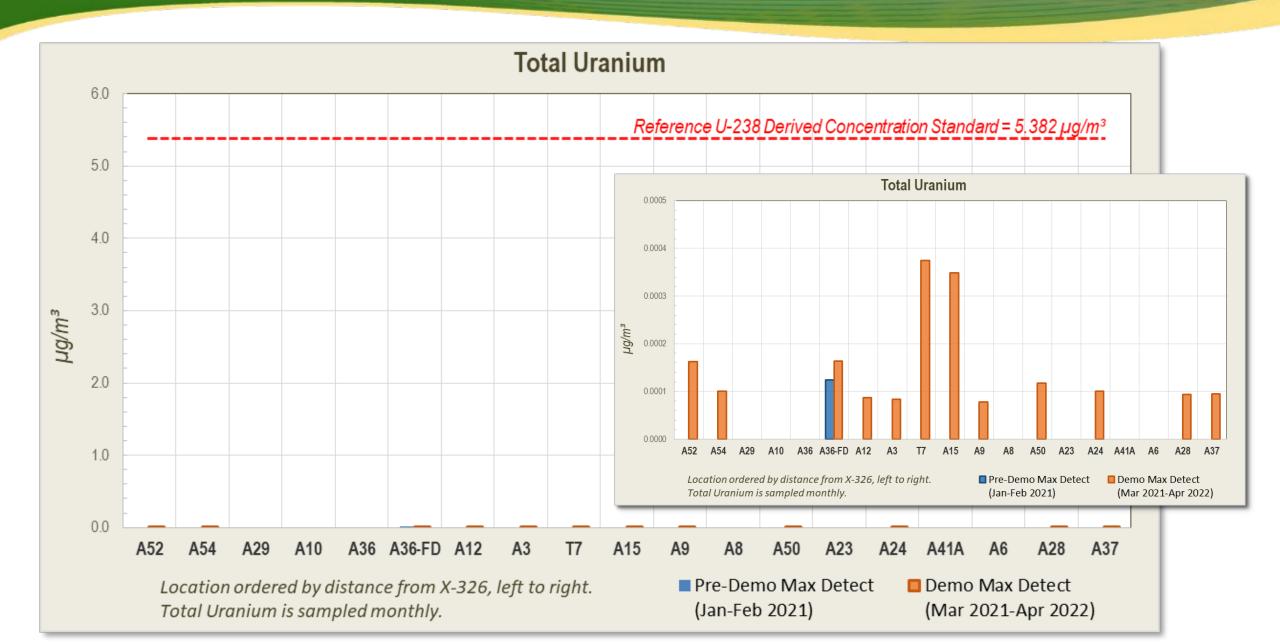
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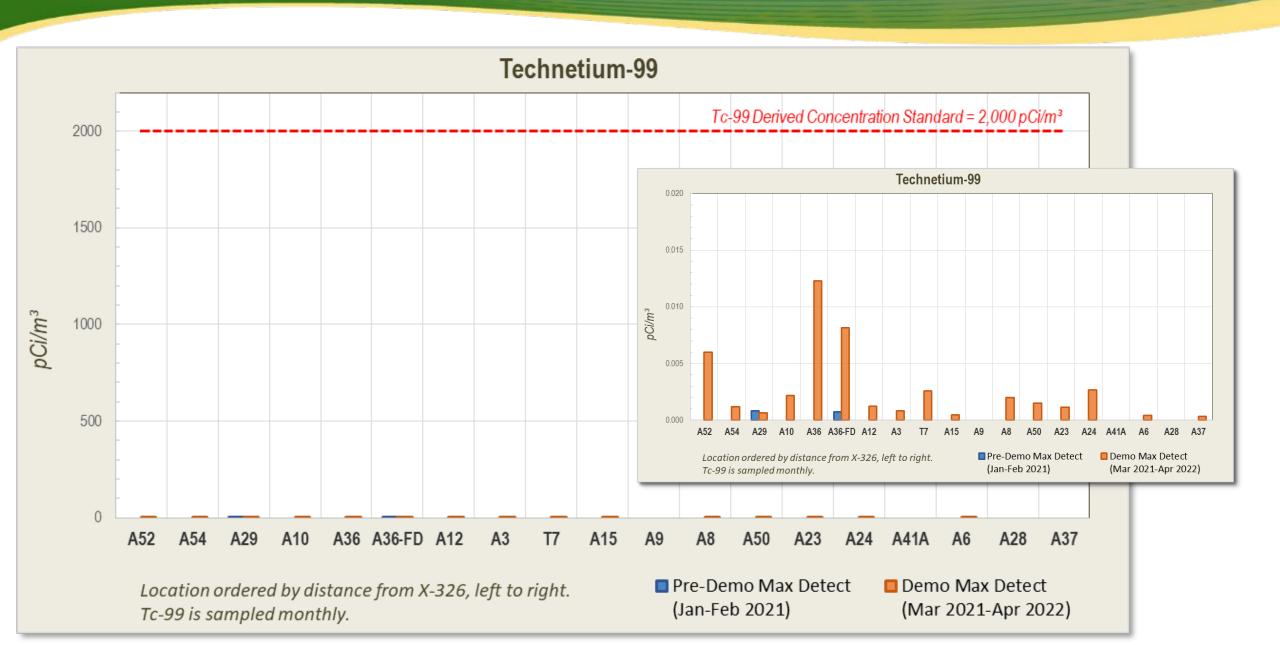


Transuranics









X-326 Co-Located Air Monitoring Summary

- Results from DOE co-located air monitors are consistent with Ohio EPA and ODH independent monitoring data.
- The current results from all monitors including DOE and State of Ohio indicate no detects have been found above regulatory limits
- Monitoring data posting websites:
 - DOE –https://pegasis.ports.pppo.gov
 - Ohio EPA https://epa.ohio.gov/dapc/ams/amsmain/AMSSpecSam-DOE
 - **ODH** https://data.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/data/view/doe-portsmouth-facility -radiological-air-sampling-results



X-326 Demolition Data Website

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#### Our Commitment

The Department of Energy will complete demolition of the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant process buildings safely, delivering on our mission to fully clean up the Portsmouth site. We will build trust with our community partners through timely, transparent release of monitoring data and other project information and we will maintain an open dialogue throughout the project.

#### Protecting Workers, the Community, & the Environment.

This website is intended to be a resource for stakeholders and other interested members of the public seeking information about D&D at Portsmouth. It will provide the regular release of environmental monitoring data, background information on the project and answers to frequently asked questions as well as information about engagement opportunities and points of contact for additional questions/comments.

Learn More

#### Data Dashboard

What is Environmental Monitoring?

- www.portsdemo.com is a DOE website focusing on X-326 project air monitoring data
- Website will include:
  - Updated real time and colocated monitoring data
  - Project updates
  - Frequently Asked Questions

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