



**U.S. Department of Energy
Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office**

APPLICATION OF A CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX)

Brief Description of the Action that has been categorically excluded: (indicate the site, location (e.g., building number), and describe the action in 1-3 sentences.

The activities involve draining and removal of liquids, reduction of hazards, and removal of items requiring segregation in the Process Buildings at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PORTS) at Piketon, Ohio. The project involves the reduction of hazards, such as: removing mercury from instrument control switches; abatement of interior asbestos material; and the reconfiguring of battery rooms and removal of excess batteries.

The proposed action would take place at DOE/PORTS at Piketon, Ohio.

Number and Title of the Categorical Exclusions Applied:

PORTS CX: *Collection and Disposition of Hazardous Materials from the X-326, X-330, and X-333 Process Buildings*

PORTS CX: *Asbestos Abatement Actions*

10 CFR 1021, Appendix B to Subpart D:

B1.3: *Routine maintenance*

B1.16: *Asbestos removal*

B1.27: *Disconnection of utilities*

B1.28: *Placing a facility in an environmentally safe condition*

B2.1: *Workplace enhancements*

B2.3: *Personnel safety and health equipment*

B2.5: *Facility safety and environmental improvements*

The regulatory requirements from 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Section 410(B) have been met by the proposed action.

Determination:

The proposed action was reviewed and was determined to fit within the specified class of actions found at 10 CFR 1021, Appendix B to Subpart D.

Date CX applied: March 2011

CX applied by: (mark indicating who applied the CX)

NEPA Compliance Officer X

Program Office _____