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DOE Awards Task Order for SPRU Process Facilities Cleanup

Cincinnati, OH -- The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today announced award of a task order to Washington Group International of Oak Ridge, Tennessee to provide deactivation, demolition and removal of process facilities and removal of incidental contaminated soil; and decontamination of piping tunnels connecting the SPRU facilities to other operating facilities at the former Separations Process Research Unit (SPRU) in Niskayuna, New York. The value of the four-year task order is \$66.9 million dollars.

The task order was competitively bid among a pool of contractors who are Contract Line Item (CLIN 2) Awardees of the Department's Environmental Management Nationwide Multiple Award Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (ID/IQ) contracts. The ID/IQ contracts include contractors competitively selected to provide environmental remediation, waste management, groundwater characterization/ remediation, deactivation and demolition of facilities, and regulatory document preparation services.

The SPRU, located at Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory (KAPL), was operated from 1950 to 1953 as a pilot plant to research the REDOX and PUREX chemical processes to extract uranium and plutonium from irradiated uranium. These operations contaminated the SPRU facilities and land areas, resulting in the need to remediate the SPRU site. The SPRU site process facilities and adjacent land areas include approximately five acres and are owned by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

Further information about the former SPRU facilities can be found on the Project's web page at <http://www.spru.doe.gov> .

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