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DOE Awards Task Order for SPRU Land Areas Cleanup

Cincinnati, OH -- The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today awarded a task order to Accelerated Remediation Co. (aRc), LLC of Idaho Falls, Idaho, to manage the environmental restoration of approximately fifteen acres of radiologically and chemically contaminated soil at the former Separations Process Research Unit (SPRU) in Niskayuna, New York. The potential value of the three-year task order is approximately \$14.2 million dollars.

The task order was competitively bid among a pool of contractors who are Small Business 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 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, resulting in the need to remediate the SPRU site. The SPRU site process facilities and land areas 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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