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LATA/PARALLAX EMPLOYEES ACHIEVE SAFETY MILESTONE

Surpass 1,000 Consecutive Days Without a Lost Work Day Incident

PIKETON, OH (November 12, 2009) – LATA/Parallax Portsmouth, LLC has achieved another safety milestone, marking 1,000 consecutive days without a lost work day incident. Employees have surpassed more than 1.3 million safe work hours on the environmental cleanup project at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Piketon.

LATA/Parallax Portsmouth, LLC is the U.S. Department of Energy’s environmental remediation contractor. The company currently employs 446 workers including subcontractors who perform the environmental cleanup work at the Piketon plant site. LATA/Parallax’s scope encompasses the environmental remediation of groundwater contamination areas, monitoring and reporting of environmental compliance, disposition of radioactive low-level and mixed hazardous/radiological waste, decontamination and decommissioning of inactive facilities, and accelerated cleanup for projects being funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

LATA/Parallax Project Manager Bill Franz said, “LPP is proud of our achievements in safety. As project manager, I want to offer my thanks to the entire team—our employees, including the United Steel Workers (USW) and our subcontractors who have made this safety achievement possible.” He also acknowledged the significant contributions made by the LPP/USW Safety Committee for actively identifying any potential safety hazards and correcting them.

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*Bill Franz, LATA/Parallax
Project Manager*

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Franz further pointed out this is an especially significant safety achievement considering the acceleration of work under the Recovery Act. The company has hired and trained over 180 new employees for Recovery Act projects within the last four months. "We are committed to continuing our excellence in safety and will not let our guard down as we accelerate cleanup activity at the site," Franz said.

Matt Miller, LATA/Parallax's Technical Support Manager, said, "I attribute LPP's safety success to our employees' questioning attitudes and active involvement in our safety programs."

The Department of Energy's Portsmouth Site is receiving \$118.2 million in Recovery Act funding to help jump-start the local economy, providing much needed jobs in southern Ohio and allowing acceleration of five projects. These projects include three major decontamination and decommissioning projects: a 21-acre electrical switchyard, an 18-acre cooling tower complex, and an 8,000 ft² chemical engineering building, all to be completed by June 2010. Other accelerated projects include disposition of excess uranium materials and excavation and treatment of a challenging trichloroethene contaminated groundwater plume at the Piketon plant site. Nearly 400 jobs are expected to be saved or created by September 2011 on projects funded under the Recovery Act.

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About LATA/Parallax Portsmouth

LATA/Parallax Portsmouth, LLC performs environmental remediation services, including groundwater cleanup and waste management activities, under contract to the U.S. Department of Energy at the Portsmouth site. The LATA/Parallax Portsmouth contract is through June 2010. Further information is available at <http://www.lpports.com> or by calling the Public Affairs Office at (740) 897-2336.