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## **LATA/Parallax Workers Surpass One Million Safe Work Hours**

*Department of Energy's Cleanup Contractor Completes 884 Days  
Without a Lost Workday Case*

**PIKETON, OH (July 14, 2009)** – As the U.S. Department of Energy's Environmental Remediation Contractor at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant in southern Ohio, LATA/Parallax Portsmouth LLC deals with chemical, radiological, and industrial hazards on a daily basis on the cleanup program. That makes the achievement of safely surpassing more than a million man hours – 1,100,587 hours to be exact – without a lost workday incident even more significant.

Employees of LATA/Parallax have reached this major safety milestone by safely working nearly two and a half consecutive years, a total of 884 days, without a lost workday case on the environmental cleanup project.

LATA/Parallax was contracted by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in 2005 to perform the environmental cleanup work at the Piketon plant site, including environmental remediation of groundwater contamination areas, monitoring and reporting of environmental compliance, disposition of legacy radioactive and mixed hazardous waste, decontamination and decommissioning of inactive facilities, and operation of the site waste storage facilities. The company employs 260 workers including subcontractors.

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LATA/Parallax and subcontractor employees were recently recognized by management for surpassing the million man hours safety milestone on the project. “We encourage employees to question and identify potential safety concerns on all our work activities. Their dedication shows a strong commitment to a safe work culture,” according to Franz.

Some of the major accomplishments completed safely by LATA/Parallax for the DOE’s cleanup program at the Piketon site over the last three years include:

- Demolishing and disposing of waste debris from 16 surplus, inactive facilities, eliminating future long-term surveillance and maintenance costs of these buildings for DOE;
- Shipping for off-site disposal more than 13,000 cubic meters of low-level and mixed low-level radioactive waste; and
- Operating four groundwater treatment facilities, treating 85.8 million gallons of groundwater and removing 3,575 lbs. of trichloroethylene (TCE) contamination.

In 2009, LATA/Parallax is continuing to monitor and treat TCE-contaminated groundwater, preparing to remove additional inactive facilities, and dispositioning waste materials. LATA/Parallax is also actively supporting DOE’s accelerated projects under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to decontaminate and decommission three structures at the site including a large electrical switchyard, a cooling tower complex, and a former chemical engineering building, and to excavate and treat a challenging TCE-contaminated groundwater plume area at the Piketon site.

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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 Gaseous Diffusion Plant site in Piketon, Ohio. Further information is available at <http://www.lpports.com> or by calling the Public Affairs Office at (740) 897-2336.