



# Telling Piketon's Story

Meeting with the Historic Preservation and  
Legacy Subcommittee of the SSAB

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# We'd like to hear from you



The DOE Portsmouth Plant at Piketon played an important role in our nation's Cold War history. PORTS history isn't just the buildings or the technology, but also includes the people who worked there.



# A time of transition

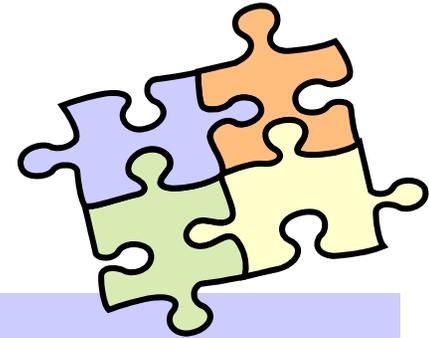
DOE has been doing some D&D projects for a while now, demolishing unneeded buildings, addressing contamination, etc. For example, the demolition of the X-533 switchyard, the X-633 pump house, and the X-760 lab building.

DOE's near term work needs are for characterization and evaluation of conditions. Starting in April 2011, DOE plans to do some sampling & characterization work in the process buildings to help it better evaluate, select, and execute later CERCLA activities that will address risks and hazards. Work that started with Cold Shutdown will also continue.

DOE's long term work needs will be to address the actual contaminated facilities, once they are characterized.



# How will this work?



Since DOE will perform its D&D work under CERCLA, we'll be looking at the DOE-built environment under CERCLA too

The strategy for putting it all together under CERCLA is as follows:

- Under CERCLA, compliance with laws like the National Historic Preservation Act occur as a part of the CERCLA process
- CERCLA has various opportunities for public involvement
- CERCLA documents receive public notice and public review
- In addition to your opportunity to review when documents are issued, there is the added opportunity now, before there's a CERCLA document to review
- We would expect the SSAB subcommittee to make a recommendation to the full SSAB
- Consulting parties can also consolidate their ideas and submit to DOE, or keep them as independent ideas

*Throughout the CERCLA process DOE will:*

- Evaluate the options submitted
- Consider them for incorporation into the CERCLA documents that are in development

# ✓ What are we already doing?

- Documentation with photos, plans, drawings, and records
- Establishment of an archive for preservation purposes including a searchable database and curation of items and materials
- Oral History Project
- Identification and collection of unique items to set aside for future display or exhibit purposes
- Special panoramic photographs
- Educational opportunities via the Virtual Museum website

## What are your ideas?

Be creative! What have you seen elsewhere that you liked? What have you learned from? What have you seen children enjoy? What kinds of things have you seen that help you remember a place?





# Wrap-up

- We're looking for your feedback for our next meeting. Please send your ideas to [public.info@lex.doe.gov](mailto:public.info@lex.doe.gov) with a cc: to [john.sokol@lex.doe.gov](mailto:john.sokol@lex.doe.gov) by March 1<sup>st</sup> and plan to join us again on March 8<sup>th</sup>
- DOE will review and consider your ideas for inclusion in the future CERCLA documents that are prepared

Thank you for your time, your interest and your participation!