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Department of Energy Awards Miamisburg Closure Project Cleanup Contract

Cleanup to be Completed Nine Months Ahead of Schedule

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Department of Energy announced today the award of a \$314 million closure contract to CH2M Hill Mound Inc., for the accelerated cleanup of the Miamisburg Closure Project (MCP). The Cost Plus Incentive Fee (CPIF) closure contract that was awarded will accelerate cleanup and then transfer the site to the Miamisburg Mound Community Improvement Corporation for industrial use by March 31, 2006 – nine months ahead of schedule. This CPIF closure contract represents a savings of \$100 million for the scope of work included in the procurement.

“I’ve made it clear from day one that I expect every cleanup site for which we have responsibility to dramatically accelerate the time for cleanup and the reduction of risk to communities,” Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham said. “I am pleased that, with this award, we will accelerate the Miamisburg cleanup from a completion date of 2009 to no later than 2006.”

“The department has included in the contract both cost and schedule incentives to complete cleanup at the site before March 2006 and at a lower cost,” Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management Jessie Roberson said. “The work will be done in a quick and efficient way while maintaining safety as a top priority.”

The award of the Miamisburg contract marks the first major procurement since the department’s Top-to-Bottom Review of the Environmental Management Program. This procurement process and contract incorporates many its findings to include reducing project risks and accelerating cleanup at the MCP while requiring a high level of safety performance at the site.

“The acquisition process used for the MCP contract demonstrates our ability to conduct an efficient and effective procurement, and re-establishes our expectations for improved performance on current and future environmental management contracts,” Roberson added.

The new closure contract will take effect January 1, 2003.

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