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U.S. Department of Energy to welcome high school students, school officials to Piketon facility

Piketon, Ohio – The U.S. Department of Energy’s second Science Alliance is scheduled for October 12-14, 2011, at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant for juniors and seniors from Pike, Ross, Scioto and Jackson counties.

More than 1,200 students and school officials are expected to attend the science fair. Students will be provided a driving tour around the plant site and will receive an overview of plant history, operations, and future plans, along with various demonstrations related to science, technology and environmental stewardship.

“It is clear this event is growing and that is exciting because the Science Alliance is an integral part of our ongoing outreach efforts to educate the public about the Piketon facility,” said Vince Adams, the plant’s site director. “We want to educate these students about our operations, but we also want to provide information that makes it clear how many career opportunities are available through science, technology, engineering and math.”

Besides the driving tour, students will also see more than a dozen scientific presentations in 10-minute intervals from plant personnel and other partners. For more information, contact DOE’s Greg Simonton at (740) 897-3737.

The Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant is a 3,778-acre federal reservation that was built in the early 1950s as part of the nation’s nuclear weapons complex, and enriched uranium from 1954-2001.

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