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completion of disposal cell construction at nearby Crescent Junction, Utah, to include final cover, and restoration of the Moab site and Crescent Junction.

The Department of Energy’s Office of Environmental Management has awarded a financial assistance grant to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for oversight and monitoring of the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant Decontamination and Decommissioning Project, in Portsmouth, Ohio. With this award, the DOE is increasing the size of a grant, originally awarded in 2016, by $3.5 million, for a total of $7.5 million, to incorporate new air monitoring strategies that will support the Ohio EPA’s and Ohio Department of Health’s efforts in providing collocated monitoring and independent verification of the DOE’s open-air demolition.

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions has given mini-grants totaling $25,000 to schools near the Savannah River Site in South Carolina to develop the site’s employment pipeline by providing science, technology, engineering, and math classroom materials and equipment to area educators. Using the grants, teachers can purchase equipment, computer programs, hands-on kits, and other products to enhance their students’ performance and STEM learning experience. For decades, SRNS has provided mini-grants to schools throughout the region. Over $700,000 has been contributed to date through the program.

Cavendish Nuclear has been awarded an approximately £20 million (about $27 million) contract that will provide the Dounreay site in Scotland with the capability to package solid intermediate-level waste. The contract is for the site’s Drum Handling Facility. The scope covers detailed design, manufacture, installation, and inactive commissioning over a five-year time frame. The Drum Handling Facility will process and package a variety of waste streams into 500-liter drums, which will then be encapsulated before being placed in a shielded cask. The project is part of the Shaft and Silo program, which will provide Dounreay with the capability to retrieve, sort, process, and package waste for passive long-term storage.

The government of the United Kingdom on January 31 announced the launch of Nuclear Waste Services. The new organization brings together site operator Low Level Waste Repository Limited, geological disposal facility developer Radioactive Waste Management Limited, and the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority’s Integrated Waste Management Program. According to the U.K. government, Nuclear Waste Services will maintain current commitments to the Low-Level Waste Repository in West Cumbria, the geological disposal facility program, and the communities involved with both, while also creating a business with the capability...