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November 1, 1992

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Plasma Confinement Systems Technology
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Following through on President Bush's commitment to environmentally sound management of the Nation's nuclear weapons complex, the Department of Energy (DOE) has announced its intent to finalize agreements and provide funding to the state of Ohio. The agreements are intended to support the state in conducting comprehensive environmental oversight at DOE's Fernald, Mound and Portsmouth sites. DOE plans to provide Ohio with grants totalling \$32.5 million over a five-year period to support the state's oversight role.

In the Bush administration, DOE has placed a greater emphasis on environment, safety and health components of its activities, and has worked with states and other federal agencies to accomplish specific environmental objectives. Reflecting the President's commitment to clean up DOE's nuclear weapons facilities, the department's Environmental Restoration and Waste Management Program is one of the fastest growing programs in the entire government with an approved budget of \$5.5 billion in fiscal year 1993, an increase of almost 250 percent from fiscal year 1989.

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Biomolecular Separations
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