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## **DOE Awards Contract for Moab Mill Tailings Cleanup**

**Cincinnati**— The Department of Energy (DOE) announced today that it has awarded a competitive small business contract worth \$121.2 million over the next five years as part of the Department’s continued efforts to protect the Colorado River and downstream water users by removing uranium tailings at the former Atlas uranium-ore processing facility in Moab, Utah. Portage, Inc., a small business based in Idaho Falls, Idaho, will be leading the new contract.

“The Moab project has the potential of being one of the Department of Energy’s most successful environmental cleanup projects,” Donald Metzler, DOE Moab Federal Project Director said. “In the last four years, tremendous progress has been made in moving the mill tailing materials away from the Colorado River. Today’s award means that we can continue to advance cleanup at the Moab project and will bring the Department even closer to fulfilling its commitment here in Utah.”

Portage, Inc. will be responsible for the relocation of residual radioactive material tailings and associated wastes presently at the Moab Site in eastern Utah to the disposal cell located at Crescent Junction, Utah. This will restore the Moab Site to appropriate standards. The contract will include the demolition of all man-made structures, as well as cleaning up any contamination in nearby properties.

The Moab site is located on the west bank of the Colorado River three miles northwest of the City of Moab in Grand County, Utah. About 130 acres of the site’s approximately 435 acres contain uranium mill tailings. DOE excavation operations began in February 2009, and more than 4.6 million tons of residual tailings have been moved to the Crescent Junction Site to date.

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