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ENERGY SECRETARY BILL RICHARDSON TO VISIT MIAMISBURG ON MONDAY

To Present \$5 Million to Community Reuse Organization

MIAMISBURG, OH — U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Bill Richardson will visit the Mound site in Miamisburg on Monday, March 22, to tour the facility and meet with employees, neighbors and civic leaders. At 2:00 p.m., he will join U.S. Congressman Tony Hall, Miamisburg Mayor Dick Church, state and local community reuse organization the Miamisburg Mound Community Improvement Corporation (MMCIC). During the ceremony, Secretary Richardson will present the MMCIC a \$5 million check from the Energy Department to help fund capital improvements at the site.

A photo opportunity and media availability are planned. The photo opportunity will begin at 1:40 p.m. outside The Thaler Machine Company. The Secretary will be available for questions and answers at the end of the ceremony. For directions or more information, please see the attached sheet or contact Jane Greenwalt or Mark Becker at the numbers above.

Who: Bill Richardson, U.S. Secretary of Energy

What: Media event and press availability

When: Monday, March 22

1:40–3:00 p.m.

Where: DOE Mound site, Administration Building

U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Bill Richardson To Visit Mound Site

U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Bill Richardson will visit the Mound site in Miamisburg, Ohio, on March 22, 1999. Secretary Richardson will present a check for \$5 million to the Miamisburg Mound Community Improvement Corporation (MMCIC) and will participate in an event at 2:00 p.m. to mark the transfer of title to the first parcel of Mound property to the MMCIC. The parcel, about 14 acres of the 306-acre site, includes two buildings representing nearly 33,000 square feet of space under lease to private businesses.

U.S. Congressman Tony Hall and Miamisburg Mayor Dick Church will also participate in the event along with other state and local officials. The transfer has been facilitated by Hall sponsored federal legislation that protects future property owners from potential liability associated with owning a former federally funded cleanup site.

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The \$5 million will be used by the MMCIC, the local community reuse organization responsible for Mound's redevelopment, to make physical improvements to the site. The DOE announced the eventual closing of the Mound facility in December 1991. Since that announcement, the contractor workforce at the site has been reduced by 59 percent. The \$5 million will be the first of three equal installments paid to the MMCIC. The remaining \$10 million is contingent upon Congressional approval and upon the MMCIC securing matching funds from State and local governments and private industry.

This funding will allow the capital improvements necessary to make the site a marketable, commercial entity once the deed is signed and the first parcel has been transferred.

Secretary Richardson will visit another Ohio site, the Fernald site located outside Cincinnati, in the morning and the Mound site in the afternoon.
