

Scioto Ordnance Plant

Site Number: G05OH0980

The former Scioto Ordnance Plant is located on 1,285 acres in Marion County, northeast of Marion, Ohio. The areas of concern are two buildings on site, the Monsanto Building and the Likins Chapel.

The Scioto site was first purchased by the Department of Defense in May 1942, for the construction of an ordnance plant. The mission of the plant during this time was the production of fuses, boosters, and bullets, and later for the filling of incendiary bombs. In August 1945, production at this facility ceased and the Department of Defense gradually turned the site back over to the public. In April 1949, the Atomic Energy Commission (now known as the Department of Energy) acquired the former Scioto Ordnance Plant from the War Assets Administration. The Monsanto Corporation was contracted to construct, equip, and operate the facility at the former Scioto Ordnance Plant. The mission of this facility at this time was as a back-up facility for the Mound Laboratory in Miamisburg, Ohio. The back-up facility mission was the production of polonium and initiators (triggers) for nuclear weapons. The Monsanto Building received little or no radioactive material and never produced initiators because the Mound facility remained in operation. In 1953-54, the Monsanto Building was vacated and sold. Warner Warehousing has occupied the Monsanto Building since 1970. Although there are questions as to whether radioactive materials were ever present on site, and previous studies have shown no findings of radiation in the Monsanto Building, there is still some suspicion of radioactive contamination in the building. More investigations of this site are being considered.

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