

Idaho's Power Burst Facility Demolished

The Power Burst Facility (PBF) operated from 1972 to 1985 and was primarily used to test the performance of light water reactor fuel elements during transients or sudden bursts of power. In November 2008, all D&D work scope at the Power Burst Facility was completed. The scope included the isolation of utilities to the PBF facilities and the removal of



asbestos-containing materials and hazardous substances prior to interior dismantlement. The PBF reactor vessel was removed in July 2008 and placed in the Idaho CERCLA Disposal Facility and the facility's superstructure was demolished. Concrete slabs were removed and the foundation walls were demolished to approximately 3 ft below grade. Upon

PBF before and after D&D

completion of the buildings/structures demolition, the area was backfilled and graded to match the existing terrain. The PBF D&D was completed almost four years ahead of the baseline schedule.