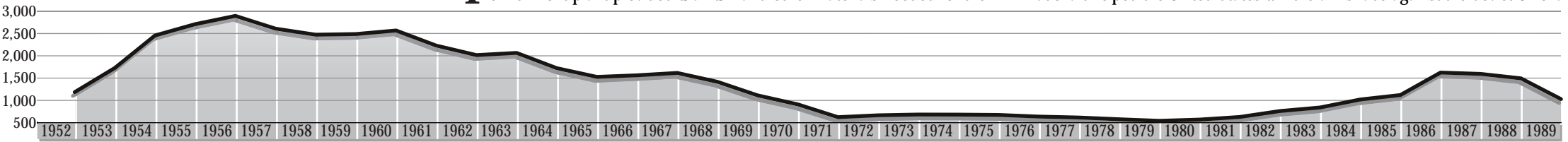


How international events influenced Fernald employment and production

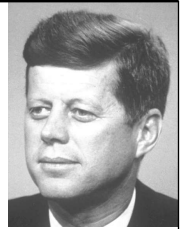
Number of employees by year



Fernald employed thousands through much of the Cold War. The uranium enrichment plant provided uranium and other materials needed for the production of nuclear weapons to other atomic energy sites throughout the nation. It helped the United States win the arms race against the Soviet Union.

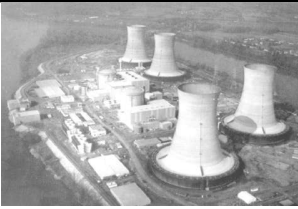
1956 - The U.S. announces policy of retaliation in response to Communist aggression.
- Fernald completes a \$20 million expansion.

1960 - A summit with the Soviet Union falls apart and President Kennedy writes a message in Life magazine urging Americans to build bomb shelters.
- Fernald production peaks at 22 million pounds.



1968 - U.S., Soviet Union and Great Britain officials sign Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.
- Fernald begins two years of production cutbacks; some operations are consolidated.

1979 - Three Mile Island Nuclear Power Plant suffers partial core meltdown, releasing radioactive material.
- Federal government discovers cancer-causing radon gas leaking from two concrete silos at Fernald holding radioactive waste dating to the country's first nuclear experiments.



1985 - Ohio Environmental Protection Agency says three off-site drinking wells are contaminated with uranium. Residents around Fernald sue for lost property values and emotional stress. Ohio sues federal government for damage to the environment.

1989 - Berlin Wall falls.
- Department of Energy officials place Fernald on a list of nuclear sites to be cleaned.



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