

A Look Ahead . . .

A publication for Fernald stakeholders

Fernald prepares for excavation of the waste pits

The Waste Pits Project continues to prepare for excavation of the waste pits, beginning with the cover of Pit 3. A standard startup review will be conducted in July to confirm the readiness of the project. Excavation and loading of contaminated soil into railcars continues at a steady pace.

Status of off-site shipments

- Nuclear material shipments to Portsmouth, Ohio continue. A total of 68 shipments will be transferred during the week of July 12. Approximately 90 shipments will be sent off site by the end of July.
- Low-level waste shipments to the Nevada Test Site resumed on June 28. A total of 62 shipments of low-level waste are expected by the end of July.
- Shipments of liquid mixed waste to the TSCA incinerator at Oak Ridge from Batch 7 were successfully completed in mid-June. Batch 8 shipments of liquid mixed waste are currently being transferred and should be complete by the end of July.

Excavation starts at Southern Waste Units

In mid-July, contaminated soil and flyash will be excavated from the Inactive Flyash Pile and the South Field area. Last year approximately 130,000 cubic yards were excavated and 95 percent was placed in the On-Site Disposal Facility. During the construction season this year, another 180,000 cubic yards will be excavated.

Trap Range/Firing Range soil stabilized

During Fernald's production years, two areas at the site were contaminated with lead from target practice and trap shooting activities. The soil in these areas must be stabilized to meet the waste acceptance criteria for the On-Site Disposal Facility. In July, both the Trap Range and the Firing Range areas will be stabilized by a proven in-place chemical process. The stabilized soil will then be excavated and disposed of in the On-Site Disposal Facility.

On-Site Disposal Facility activities

The Environmental Protection Agency has approved the installation of the temporary leachate conveyance system at the On-Site Disposal Facility, which means both Cells 1 and 2 can receive waste and debris. During July, approximately 250 rolloff boxes of debris from demolition activities are scheduled to be placed in the On-Site Disposal Facility, and the clay liner for Cell 3 will also be constructed.

Site laundry services to be subcontracted

In accordance with applicable collective bargaining agreement provisions and to accommodate the eventual demolition of the Services Building, the site's laundry services will be performed off site. Fluor Daniel Fernald received proposals from potential vendors on June 11. A contract is expected to be awarded by Sept. 30, 1999. The vendor will begin operations in fiscal year 2000.



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Upcoming Opportunities for Public Involvement

- A Fernald Cleanup Progress Briefing/Silos Project public workshop will be held on July 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Services Building conference room.
- The Fernald Citizens Advisory Board (FCAB) Stewardship Committee will meet on July 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Large Lab conference room at Fernald to develop a Work Plan for the remainder of calendar year 1999.
- The FCAB Remediation Committee will meet on July 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Large Lab conference room at Fernald to discuss the Silos Proof-of-Principle testing reports; intermodal transportation; and technical and procurement improvements.
- The Fernald Living History Project will meet on July 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Crosby Civic Center.
- The Fernald Community Reuse Organization will meet on July 20 at 6:30 p.m. at Ross High School.
- The Full CAB meeting originally scheduled for July 17 has been canceled.

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