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A Look Ahead . . .

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Construction of First Portion of On-Site Disposal Facility Begins in June

During June, workers will begin constructing erosion and sediment controls for the first section of the On-Site Disposal Facility (OSDF). Workers will also be clearing brush in the site pine forest, which is visible from State Route 126. Also, as part of the OSDF preconstruction activities, workers will be installing a construction fence along the Main North Access Road.

State Route 126 Construction Complete

Construction activities for the State Route 126 turning lane are completed. Final grading and seeding will take place this week. Until grading is completed, one lane of State Route 126 will be closed during working hours.

Stakeholders Can Submit Comments on Documents Electronically Via FEMP Web Site

The revised *Draft Final Decision Methodology for Fernald Material Disposition Alternatives* is now available on the FEMP Web site (<http://www.fernald.gov>). The document is located in the "Stakeholder" section under "Documents for Public Comment." DOE requests the public's comments by June 30. The document is also available at the Public Environmental Information Center, 10845 Hamilton-Cleves Road, Harrison, OH, 513-738-0164. Stakeholders can submit oral or written comments on the document to:

Gary Stegner
U.S. Department of Energy
Fernald Environmental Management Project
P.O. Box 538705
Cincinnati, OH 45253-8705.

Overpressurization of Low-level Radioactive Waste Container Being Investigated

A special investigation team is evaluating a situation in which a sealed metal box containing low-level radioactive waste became overpressurized on May 22. The overpressurization was caused by a reaction of incompatible materials inside the box, which had been prepared for shipment to the Nevada Test Site (NTS). No personnel injuries occurred as a result of this incident, and material damage was limited to the shipping container. Initial monitoring indicated there was no release of radioactive material to the environment. The investigation will lead to the development of corrective actions.

DOE-FEMP Personnel to Conduct Public Workshop in Nevada

On June 3, at 5:30 p.m. at Community College of Southern Nevada (Cheyenne Campus), DOE-FEMP personnel will conduct a public workshop for NTS stakeholders. The focus of the workshop will be the path forward for remediation of the FEMP's Silo 3, which contains dried thorium-bearing wastes. DOE is proposing to accelerate remediation of Silo 3 and transport the waste to the NTS for safe disposal. Updates about the technological alternatives available and public involvement opportunities regarding the Silo 3 decision-making process will be provided by FEMP representatives at the workshop.

Second Silos Project Workshop to be Held Locally June 16

On June 16, DOE will hold a public workshop from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Alpha Building (Classroom D), 10967 Hamilton-Cleves Highway, Harrison. The second in a series of Silos Project workshops to be held this summer, this meeting will focus on evaluating the following potential treatment technologies:

- Cement Stabilization/Solidification;
- Polymer (Micro) Encapsulation;
- Sulfur/Polymer Encapsulation; and
- Vitrification.

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FEMP Web Site

Check the "Public Involvement Activities Calendar" in the "Stakeholders/Opportunities" section of the FEMP Web site (<http://www.fernauld.gov>) for the most up-to-date status of events.

Community Access Line

For a quick summary of FEMP-related public involvement events, call the Community Access Line (513-648-6272). The message is updated weekly with information on key events, and it is accessible any time. Callers can leave messages and receive responses to their questions in a timely manner.

Fernald Contact!

Stakeholders are encouraged to call the Fernald Contact! (513-648-5037) interactive information line, for timely messages about the site and ongoing projects. Callers can leave messages, voice concerns and receive responses. Fernald Contact! features "guest speakers" who, on a weekly basis, record messages containing information about their specific projects. Fluor Daniel Fernald Public Affairs monitors the phone line for comments daily. If there is a particular project on which you would like to hear an update, please call Julie Doering, Fluor Daniel Fernald Public Affairs, 513-648-4069, or send an e-mail message to Julie_Doering@fernauld.gov.

Public Involvement Opportunities

■ **Fernald Community Reuse Organization**
On June 3, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Community Reuse Organization will meet at the Ross High School Media Center to discuss its draft Request for Proposal for obtaining consulting services, Code of Regulations, and internal committee structure. The public is invited to attend.

■ **Fernald Citizens Task Force**
The Fernald Citizens Task Force Waste Management Subcommittee will meet June 9, at 6 p.m., in the Uno Building, to discuss the FEMP Silos Path Forward.

■ **Site Technology Coordination Group**
On June 10, at 5:15 p.m., the Site Technology Coordination Group (STCG) will meet to discuss the national STCG meeting, input provided to DOE Headquarters for Congressman Thomas J. Bliley, Virginia, 7th Congressional District, and the status of the Technology Deployment Initiative. The meeting will be held in the FEMP Service Building, room 223. Anyone interested in attending the meeting should call Jeanie Foster, 513-648-5883, to ensure adequate seating is available.



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