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On-Site Disposal Facility Under Construction

Construction on the first of eight waste storage cells that will comprise the FEMP's On-Site Disposal Facility (OSDF) began July 1. Initial waste placement in the first cell is scheduled for March 1998.

Okeana Trestle Upgrade Project On Schedule

The Okeana train trestle, one of the oldest in Ohio, is being upgraded to accommodate an increase in rail traffic that will occur during the cleanup of the FEMP waste pits. The work will be completed this fall. In March 1999, the FEMP is scheduled to begin shipping approximately 780,000 tons of low-level radioactive waste from the pits to Envirocare, in Utah, for disposal. The waste pit cleanup is scheduled to be completed by 2005.

Public Environmental Information Center Relocates to Delta Building

The FEMP Public Environmental Information Center (PEIC) has relocated to the Delta Building, 10995 Hamilton-Cleves Highway, Harrison, just north of its former location in the JAMTEK Building. The PEIC's new phone numbers are 513-648-7480 and 513-648-7481 (fax: 513-648-7490).

PEIC Operating Hours

Monday, 7:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Thursday, 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Third Silos Project Workshop For FEMP Public Is July 29

On July 29, DOE will hold a public workshop to present the fundamental principles and DOE's tentative proposal concerning Silo 3 remediation alternatives. The workshop will begin at 7 p.m. at the Alpha Building (Classroom D), 10967 Hamilton-Cleves Highway, Harrison.

Two Public Meetings to be Held in August

DOE will hold a public workshop to discuss "Soil and Water Projects" on Aug. 7, at 7 p.m. in the Alpha Building (Classroom B), 10967 Hamilton-Cleves Highway, Harrison. Meeting topics will include: groundwater strategy, groundwater/wastewater treatment, and an update on soil remediation activities.

On Aug. 12, DOE will hold a community meeting at the Plantation, 9660 Dry Fork Road, Harrison, to discuss FEMP cleanup progress, the FEMP's fiscal year 1998 budget and site priorities. At 6:30 p.m., FEMP personnel will be available for discussions with the public; the actual meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

First of New Monthly Cleanup Progress Briefings to be Held Sept. 9

Under a new public involvement strategy, on the second Tuesday of every month the FEMP will hold "Cleanup Progress Briefings" with interested stakeholders. The first briefing will be held Sept. 9, in the Alpha Building (Classroom D), 10967 Hamilton-Cleves Highway, Harrison. Each briefing will include:

- a "big-picture" review of current and upcoming cleanup actions, design plans and field work;
- a discussion on a specific, timely topic of interest;
- an opportunity for stakeholders to voice concerns, issues and interests with site decision makers; and
- an opportunity to shape FEMP public involvement initiatives.



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Public Comment Period on Accelerated Cleanup Plan Ends Sept. 9

The 90-day public comment period on the *Accelerating Cleanup: Focus on 2006 Discussion Draft* document ends Sept. 9. Stakeholders can submit comments to DOE-FEMP Public Affairs Officer Gary Stegner, 513-648-3153. The draft document is available at the PEIC and on DOE Environmental Management's Web site (<http://www.em.doe.gov/acc2006>).

Fernald Community Reuse Organization Seeks Support Services

The Fernald Community Reuse Organization has canceled its Aug. 5 meeting to concentrate efforts on contracting services of an economic development professional to support the CRO in completing activities under its start-up grant with DOE. On July 25, the CRO issued a Request for Proposal (RFP), which is available to potential bidders in the "Stakeholders/CRO" section of the FEMP Web site (<http://www.fernald.gov>). Areas of experience the CRO will use to evaluate the contractor include: economic development; grant writing skills; long-range community planning; process facilitation and dispute resolution; and strategic planning.

Task Force Changes Name to "Fernald Citizens Advisory Board"

During its July 9 meeting, the Fernald Citizens Task Force became the "Fernald Citizens Advisory Board (CAB)" to better identify and align itself with other site-specific advisory boards in the DOE complex.

FEMP "Lessons Learned" Group Sets Up Site on Internet

Fernald's Lessons Learned are now available in the "Safety" section of the FEMP Internet Web site (<http://www.fernald.gov>). The program is designed to help prevent recurrences of negative experiences, highlight good practices, and spotlight innovative ways to solve problems or perform work safely, efficiently and cost-effectively.