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Rail Shipments will soon start

The Waste Pits Project has begun to load stockpiled materials from two contaminated soil piles into railcars for future shipment to Envirocare of Utah. The soil piles contain about 40,000 tons of material. The average production rate goal is to load about four railcars per day and complete this initial phase of the project within the next several months. The plan is to ship the first unit train to Envirocare in April. Excavation of the waste pits will occur later this summer.

Community Transition Plan available for public review

The Fernald Community Reuse Organization (CRO) has issued its draft *Community Transition Plan 1999-2002* for public review until March 23, 1999. The plan proposes several programs to help workers and local communities adjust to Fernald's closure once cleanup is complete and will serve as the CRO's grant application to DOE for implementation funding. The plan is available at the Public Environmental Information Center and on the Fernald Web site at www.fernald.gov. For more information contact Curt Paddock at 513-527-3150, paddockmgt@aol.com.

Silos Project to hold public workshop on March 9

DOE and Fluor Daniel Fernald invite you to attend a Silos Project Public Workshop on **Tuesday, March 9, at 6:30 p.m.** DOE will also continue a discussion about radon which was introduced at the February Cleanup Progress Briefing. The workshop will be held at the Fernald site. Visitors must show a drivers license or valid photo identification to the Fernald Security Officer when entering the site. For more information contact Gary Stegner at 513-648-3153.

Supplemental Environmental Projects Underway

A couple of research projects will start this spring along Paddys Run Road near the recently opened Ecological Restoration Park. First, researchers from Miami University will study the growth of approximately 300 saplings and 2,400 seedlings, which will be planted in March and April. Various combinations of trees will be planted in eight plots within the eastern half of the area. Miami University will monitor the different plots over the next several years to determine the optimal mix for future restoration efforts. The second project involves planting several hundred American Chestnut seedlings that have been grown from seed by Miami University. These trees are hybrids that the American Chestnut Foundation has developed to be resistant to a fungus that has decimated the chestnut population in the United States. Miami University will survey the chestnuts annually and eventually harvest nuts for the American Chestnut Foundation's research efforts.

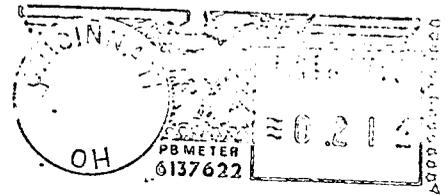
A Joint Recycling Project

Approximately 1,340 tons of scrap copper motor windings are being transferred to the DOE-Oak Ridge facility to be recycled. The copper windings are stored in 97 sealand containers, 68 of which have been completely prepared for shipment. As of Feb. 19, 1999, 41 top-loading sealand containers have been shipped to Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The transfer of copper will be completed by mid-March.



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Silos Project Activities

In February, Fernald issued a Notice to Proceed to Staver, the contractor for the Silos 1&2 Infrastructure Project. The contractor will be physically mobilizing on March 8. Actions are currently in process to re-direct traffic around the Silos area where the field work will begin with the initial staking off of the road area. The purpose of this project is to prepare the area for future contractor efforts in remediating the Silos. It is anticipated that a contract for the Accelerated Waste Retrieval project will be awarded in early March. A Notice to Proceed will be issued to the contractor within 30 days after the contract is awarded.

Meeting Reminders

--March 10: The Fernald Citizens Advisory Board (FCAB) Stewardship Committee will meet in the large lab conference room (LLCR) at Fernald. The agenda will include discussion on an upcoming public workshop to be sponsored by the FCAB. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m.

--March 11: The FCAB Remediation Committee will meet in the LLCR at Fernald. The agenda is being developed and will include preparations for the FCAB-sponsored Transportation Workshop scheduled for May 1999. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m.

--March 13: The FCAB bi-monthly meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon in the LLCR on site. Agenda topics include an update on the resumption of low-level waste shipments to the Nevada Test Site and preparations for upcoming workshops and seminars.

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