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A Look Ahead...

A publication for Fernald stakeholders

Waste Pits Project has safely shipped over 20,000 tons of material

Fernald plans to ship the fifth train containing over 60 gondola railcars of contaminated soil to Envirocare of Utah around July 14. To date, Fernald has safely shipped more than 20,000 tons of material to Envirocare. Fernald is planning to initiate a standard startup review of the readiness to begin waste pit excavation in July.

July 13 Cleanup Progress Briefing to focus on Silos Project

The Silos Project will be the topic of the July 13 Cleanup Progress Briefing, which will be held in the Services Building conference room on site at 6:30 p.m. During the meeting, DOE and Fluor Daniel Fernald will discuss the *Silos 1 and 2 Proof-of-Principle (POP) Testing Reports*, which are available in the Public Environmental Information Center (PEIC). The reports contain test results of remediation technologies that could be used to treat material in Silos 1 and 2. In addition to the opportunity to provide verbal comments at the July 13 meeting, stakeholders can also provide written comments on the reports to Gary Stegner, P.O. Box 538705, Cincinnati, OH, 45253-8705.

Future waste/nuclear material shipments

- Shipments of empty T-Hopper containers to the Nevada Test Site (NTS) are expected to begin by the end of June and should be complete by Sept. 30, 1999. This will be the first shipment of low-level waste to NTS this year.
- Nuclear Material Shipments -- Boxes containing 10-gallon cans of depleted UF₄ continue to be shipped to the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Piketon, Ohio. Starting in early July, containers holding 64 T-Hoppers filled with depleted UF₄ will be transferred to Piketon.
- Waste Treatment Project -- As a result of the Thorium Legacy Waste Project (TLWP), 380 metal boxes of low-level thorium waste will be prepared for shipment to NTS, and 60 metal boxes of mixed waste will be segregated for future treatment. Repackaging activities and the Standard Start-Up Review (SSR) for shipping the low-level thorium should both be completed by the end of June. Shipments of low-level thorium are expected to begin in early July.
- Liquid Mixed Waste -- In late June, shipments 3 and 4 of Liquid Mixed Waste from Batch 8 will be sent to the Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA) Incinerator at the DOE-Oak Ridge facility. Completion of Batch 8 shipments is expected by the end of July.

Path forward for Plant 5

In April, Fluor Daniel Fernald awarded a contract for decontamination and dismantlement of Plant 5, the former Metals Production Plant, to MACTEC Inc., a small business based in Golden, Colo. Currently, MACTEC is in the process of preparing several documents, including its Quality Plan, Safe Work Plan, procedures and schedule. Once the documents are approved by Fluor Daniel Fernald, MACTEC will begin mobilization with actual demolition work expected to begin later this year.

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Plant 6 Request for Proposal

Fluor Daniel Fernald is in the process of preparing to issue the Request-for-Proposal for the decontamination and dismantlement of Plant 6, the former Metals Fabrication Plant. The plan is to award the contract by Sept. 30 of this year.

Monitoring results available

The annual *Integrated Site Environmental Report* will be available at the PEIC in July. This report provides stakeholders with the results of Fernald's environmental monitoring program and provides a summary of DOE's progress toward final remediation.

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