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A Look Ahead . . .

A publication for Fernald stakeholders

Waste pit excavation to begin in August

Beginning in late August, the Waste Pits Project plans to begin excavation of the Pit 3 cover. The work is planned to begin following the completion of a scheduled standard startup review. Fernald plans to ship the seventh train of contaminated material to Envirocare of Utah on Aug. 4.

Status of off-site shipments

- Fernald continues truck shipments of nuclear material to the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Piketon, Ohio. By mid-August, more than 90 of the 137 shipments scheduled for transfer by the end of the fiscal year will be complete. Low-level waste shipments are continuing. A path forward for management and shipment of thorium waste will soon be developed.

Silos Infrastructure Project

The Silos Infrastructure Project consists primarily of road and electrical distribution upgrades to the area around the Silos. These upgrades are needed to support the various projects which will be mobilizing in the area over the next several months. The Staver Group, project subcontractor, began paving the upgraded road in late July. Paving activities will continue through mid-August. The entire infrastructure project is expected to be complete by September 9.

Public Involvement reminders

Many of the local community organizations do not meet in August. The following community meetings will not take place during the month of August: Fernald Cleanup Progress Briefing; Fernald Residents for Environmental Safety & Health (FRESH); Fernald Citizens Advisory Board and the Community Reuse Organization. Meetings are scheduled to resume in September.

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