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## *A Look Ahead . . .*

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### **Waste pit excavation and rail shipment update**

In December, IT Corp. will begin excavation of Pit 5, which is expected to contain material that will require processing through the dryers. IT Corp. will use the dryers to remove excess moisture from the pit material to meet Envirocare's waste acceptance criteria.

In late December, Fernald plans to send another train to Envirocare. Since April, Fernald has transported over 78,000 tons of material to Envirocare by rail. For more information on the Waste Pits Project, contact Dave Lojek, DOE-FEMP project manager, 513-648-3127, email: [dave\\_lojek@fernald.gov](mailto:dave_lojek@fernald.gov).

### **Soil precertification activities to begin**

To manage the soil certification process, the site and adjacent properties have been divided into 10 areas. In late December, Fernald will begin precertification activities in Area 9, located off site along the eastern fence line. The activities will include taking soil borings and scanning the area with real-time detectors. Precertification is the first step to certify that the soil meets the off-property final remediation levels. Area 9 Phase I is the first off-property certification effort at Fernald. For more information, contact Rob Janke, DOE-FEMP project manager, 513-648-3124, email: [rob\\_janke@fernald.gov](mailto:rob_janke@fernald.gov).

### **Revised Public Environmental Information Center closure**

The Public Environmental Information Center (PEIC) has announced the dates that the center will be closed for the 2000 calendar year. The dates are as follows:

Friday, Dec. 31, 1999	New Year's Day (alternate day for Jan. 1)
Monday, Feb. 21, 2000	President's Day
Friday, April 21, 2000	Good Friday
Monday, May 29, 2000	Memorial Day
Tuesday, July 4, 2000	Independence Day (note: the PEIC will close at 4 p.m. on July 3, instead of 7 p.m.)
Monday, Sept. 4, 2000	Labor Day
Friday, Nov. 10, 2000	Veteran's Day (alternate day for Nov. 11)
Thursday, Nov. 23, 2000	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, Nov. 24, 2000	Day after Thanksgiving
Friday, Dec. 22, 2000	Christmas Eve
Monday, Dec. 25, 2000	Christmas Day

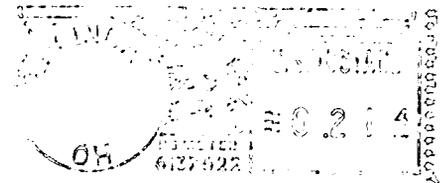
In addition, the PEIC will be adjusting the hours of operation during the holidays. On Wednesday, Dec. 22 and from Monday, Dec. 27, through Thursday, Dec. 30, the center will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The PEIC will also be closed on Dec. 23 and 24, to observe Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Regular operating hours will resume on Monday, Jan. 3. Contact the PEIC, 513-648-7480 for more information.

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