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Waste Pits Project update

Trains 41 and 42 are expected to leave the FEMP in July and early August for Envirocare. With the shipment of these trains, the Waste Pits Project team will have successfully transported over a quarter of a million tons of waste to Envirocare without incident. The majority of the excavation is occurring in Pits 1, 2, and 3. For more information on the Waste Pits Project, visit the Web site at www.fernald.gov/cleanupproj/wpits.htm or contact Dave Lojek, DOE-FEMP Waste Pits project manager, 513-648-3127, email: dave.lojek@fernald.gov.

Soil and Disposal Facility update

Cells 2 and 3 of the On-Site Disposal Facility are being opened to receive impacted soil and debris. When these cells were closed at the end of the 2000 construction season, Cell 2 was 51 percent filled and Cell 3 was 25 percent filled. Final excavation of about 50,000 cubic yards of waste in the Southern Waste Units (SWU) and surrounding areas will complete the remediation phase of the SWU project. The remaining waste from the SWU will be placed in Cells 2 and 3. The construction of the cap for Cell 1 is continuing. A two-foot layer of compacted clay has been placed over the contouring layer of soil and the geosynthetic liner and drainage layer is being installed. Screening of clay will resume in the Borrow Area and clay will be stockpiled for future use in the construction of the liners for Cells 4 and 5. For more information on the OSDF Project and soil excavation, visit our Web site at www.fernald.gov/cleanupproj/sdfp.htm, or contact Rob Janke, DOE-FEMP Project Manager, 513-648-3124, email: rob.janke@fernald.gov.

Demolition Projects update

Decontamination and Dismantlement (D&D) activities continue in Plant 6, the former Metals Fabrication Plant. MACTEC, the subcontractor performing the work, is continuing the removal of interior transite and below grade and interior demolition. In late July, MACTEC began removing the roof in Area 6 of the former Metals Fabrication Plant.

Currently, a total of 92 structures have been remediated. For more information on D&D Projects, visit the Web site at www.fernald.gov/cleanupproj/d&d.htm, or contact John Trygier, DOE-FEMP D&D project manager, 513-648-3154, email: john.trygier@fernald.gov.

Successful startup of the Drum Repackaging Station

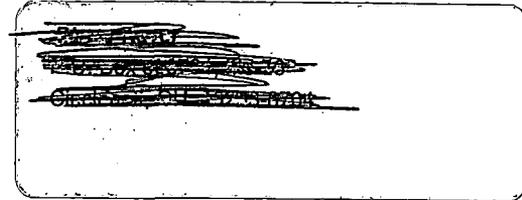
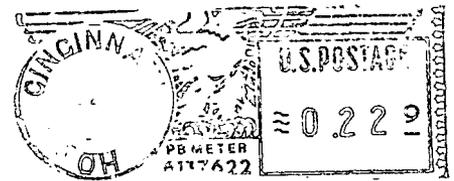
The Nuclear Materials Disposition (NMD) Project recently completed readiness activities for startup of a Drum Repackaging Station in Building 56 and on June 28, began using it to repackage miscellaneous enriched metal products. This vacuum transfer system is designed to safely and efficiently repackage >1 percent U²³⁵ enriched compounds/oxides into very exact quantities that comply with the Department of Transportation shipping requirements, allowing Fernald to continue making progress toward its goal of removal of all nuclear product material from the site by June 2002. For more information on the NMD Project, visit our Web site at www.fernald.gov/cleanupproj/wm.htm, or contact John Sattler, DOE-FEMP NMD project manager, at 513-648-3145, email: john.sattler@fernald.gov.

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Public comment period on OU5 ESD

A 30-day comment period on the *draft final Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) for Operable Unit 5 (OU5)* began on July 11. The ESD discusses the change of the final remediation level for uranium in the Great Miami Aquifer from 20 parts per billion (ppb) to 30 ppb. Also, the treated effluent discharge to the Great Miami River is being changed from a monthly average of 20 ppb to 30 ppb. This change is being requested to conform with the recently announced U.S. E.P.A. standards

The OU5 ESD is available at the Public Environmental Information Center, 513-648-7480, located at 10995 Hamilton-Cleves Highway. Written comments should be submitted to Gary Stegner, DOE Public Affairs, P.O. Box 538705, Cincinnati, OH 45253-8705; 513-648-3153; e-mail: gary.stegner@fernald.gov by August 10, 2001.

Fernald Citizens Advisory Board Activities

From July 30 through August 2, five members of the Fernald Citizens Advisory Board (FCAB) will attend DOE's 4th Annual Long-Term Stewardship (LTS) Conference at Grand Junction, Colorado. Participants in this workshop will have an opportunity to gain hands-on experience with long-term stewardship planning through special small group exercises. Each group will receive information on a fictional site along with draft copies of new LTS guidance from DOE-Headquarters. Using the draft guidance, each group will develop a LTS plan for their hypothetical site. The FCAB and DOE-FEMP believe that the knowledge and experience brought back from this workshop will be of great value to future FCAB Stewardship Committee planning activities. Contact Tisha Patton, 513-648-5277, email: tisha.patton@fernald.gov if you have questions about the workshop or the FCAB's involvement.

No Public Meetings in August

As usual during the month of August, there will be no monthly briefing and no Fernald Citizens Advisory Board meetings. Public meetings will resume with the September 11 Cleanup Progress Briefing. For more information, contact Gary Stegner, 513-648-3153, email: gary.stegner@fernald.gov.