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A Look Ahead . . .

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Demolition Projects update

Decontamination and Dismantlement (D&D) activities continue in the Plant 2, 3 and 8 Complexes, Plant 6 and the General Sump. Mactec will continue to size reduce debris at Plant 6 and place the material in roll-off boxes for future placement in the On-Site Disposal Facility. Work activities on the multi-complex include: establishing building enclosures and vestibules, removal of walls, lights, concrete, structural steel and exterior transite.

In late December, MACTEC completed D&D of Building 8E and 8D, which brings the total of remediated structures to 99. For more information on D&D Projects, visit 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.

Soil and Disposal Facility Project update

The On-Site Disposal Facility (OSDF) is closed for the winter. Cell 1 is 100 percent complete; Cell 2 is 60 percent full and Cell 3 is 27 percent full. The final cover for Cell 1 has been completed; however, installation of monitoring instrumentation will continue through January. Horizontal monitoring wells are also being installed in Cells 4 & 5. The OSDF Material Transfer Area will continue receiving debris from dismantled buildings through the winter. For more information on the Soil & Disposal Facility Project, visit www.fernald.gov/cleanup/sdfp.htm, or contact Rob Janke, DOE-FEMP Soil & Disposal Facility project manager, 513-648-3124, email: rob.janke@fernald.gov.

Additional extraction wells go on line

The Aquifer Restoration Project continues to monitor the progress of remediation efforts implemented to date, and to verify the extent of on-site areas where uranium contamination exists and where additional extraction or injection wells may be required. In January, three new extraction wells will go on line to begin remediating an area where contamination has not been previously addressed. For more information, visit www.fernald.gov/cleanup/aquifer.htm, or contact Rob Janke, DOE-FEMP Aquifer Restoration project manager, 513-648-3124, email: rob.janke@fernald.gov.

Shipments to Nevada Test Site resume after holidays

During the holidays the Nevada Test Site (NTS) was closed to receipt of waste shipments. Low-level waste shipments to NTS began leaving Fernald again on Jan. 3. For more information, contact John Sattler, DOE-FEMP Waste Management team leader, 513-648-3145, email: john.sattler@fernald.gov.

Closure of the North Access Road

Due to winter shut down at the OSDF, limited operating hours for the North Access Road are now in effect. Hours are: Monday – Thursday from 5:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. and alternating Fridays from 5:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. Access to the site outside of the times listed must be through the South Access Road, located off Willey Road.

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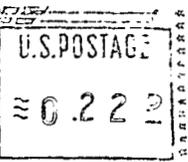


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Public Use Environmental Assessment and Final Natural Resource Restoration Plan

In late January, Fernald will release two important documents for public review and comment. These are the *Environmental Assessment for Public Use of the Fernald Site* (Public Use EA) and the final version of the *Natural Resource Restoration Plan* (NRRP). The final NRRP is the culmination of more than three years of work by the Fernald Natural Resource Trustees and reflects considerable public involvement. The Public Use EA picks up where the 1998 *Environmental Assessment for Proposed Final Land Use at the Fernald Environmental Management Project* left off and gives the public an opportunity to comment on public use of and access to the restored Fernald site once cleanup is complete. Both of the new documents will be placed in the Public Environmental Information Center (PEIC), 10995 Hamilton-Cleves Highway, Harrison, Ohio and will also be at www.fernald.gov.

The documents will be released for a 30-day public comment period. A public hearing will be held on Feb. 21, at 6:30 p.m., at an off-site location to be announced in mid-January, to answer questions and receive comments. For more information, contact Gary Stegner, DOE-FEMP Public Affairs officer, 513-648-3153, email: gary.stegner@fernald.gov.

Fernald Cleanup Progress Briefing

The next Cleanup Progress Briefing is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 6:30 p.m. in Trailer 1 at the Fernald site, however the location may be subject to change. DOE-FEMP project managers will discuss the status of each cleanup project. All visitors without a picture badge will need to be escorted. For more information, contact Gary Stegner, DOE-FEMP Public Affairs officer, 513-648-3153, email: gary.stegner@fernald.gov.

Fernald Citizens Advisory Board meetings

Thursday, Jan. 10 -- Stewardship Committee -- will focus on Records Center Feasibility Study activities.
Saturday, Jan. 12 -- Full Board -- will focus on Fernald's response to DOE-HQ regarding possibilities for substantial closure in 2006.

Both meetings will be held at the PEIC. For more information, contact Gary Stegner, DOE-FEMP Public Affairs officer, 513-648-3153, email: gary.stegner@fernald.gov.

Greater Cincinnati Regional Science Bowl

The eleventh annual Greater Cincinnati Regional Science Bowl, sponsored by the Department of Energy will be held on Saturday, Feb. 2 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Cincinnati State Technical and Community College. Thirty-two high school teams will vie for the championship and a chance to compete in the National Science Bowl in Washington D.C. To participate, or for more information, contact Sue Walpole, Fluor Fernald Public Affairs, 513-648-4026, email: swalpole@fernald.gov.

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