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Demolition Projects update

Decontamination and Demolition (D&D) activities continue in the Plant 2, 3 and 8 complexes, Plant 6 and the General Sump. Mactec will continue removal of debris and placement of the material into roll-off boxes at Plant 6. Work activities on the multi-complex include: establishing building enclosures and vestibules, size reducing debris, removal of equipment, piping, interior transite and siding.

Work crews will begin mobilization of Building 53A (Safety & Health Building) in early March.

For more information on D&D Projects, visit www.fernald.gov/Cleanup/D&D.htm, or contact John Trygier, DOE-Fernald D&D project manager, 513-648-3154, email: john.trygier@fernald.gov.

Waste Pits Project to increase work shifts

The Waste Pits Remedial Action Project (WPRAP) will be increasing its tonnage of material being shipped to Envirocare of Utah this fiscal year. The goal is to ship 136,000 tons as compared to 112,000 last year. Twenty additional railcars have been purchased bringing the total to 190. Beginning in March, WPRAP will start working seven days a week, 24-hours per day to meet the increased shipping expectations. For more information on the Waste Pits Project, visit www.fernald.gov/Cleanup/wpits.htm or contact Dave Lojek, DOE-Fernald Waste Pits project manager, 513-648-3127, email: dave.lojek@fernald.gov.

Silos update

Silos workers continue construction on the Advanced Waste Retrieval Radon Control System, Phase 1. In March, crews will install carbon beds and main pipe racks in the Air Handling Building. Work will also begin on the Electrical Building and electrical equipment installation. Engineers will finalize the cold loop test plan for the Advanced Waste Retrieval bulk sluicing. Sluicing is the process, which adds water to K-65 silo material, resulting in a liquefied material that will then be pumped to the Transfer Tank Area.

A Remedial Design package outlining treatment strategies for Silo 3 is due to the Department of Energy in March. For more information on Silos Projects, visit www.fernald.gov/Cleanup/Silos.htm, or contact Nina Akgunduz, DOE-Fernald Silos project manager, 513-648-3110, email: nina.akgunduz@fernald.gov.

North Access Road closed

The site's North Access Road is permanently closed to through traffic due to the expansion of the On-Site Disposal Facility. A new security post is located at the north end of the road for construction deliveries to the On-Site Disposal Facility. All other traffic entering and exiting the Fernald site must use the South Access Road, located off Willey Road. Motorists traveling on Rt. 128 near Willey Road may see a slight increase in traffic during the peak hours of 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Notifications concerning the increased traffic have been made to the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Hamilton County Engineer's Office. For more information, contact Robert Nichols, Fluor Fernald Director of Projects, 513-648-5180, email: robert.nichols@fernald.gov.

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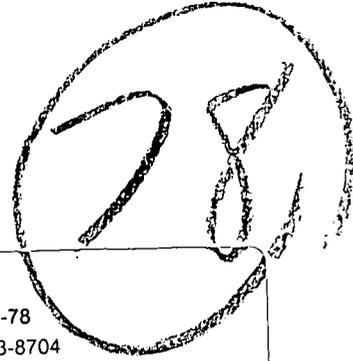
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Future of Fernald workshop: Exploring Long-Term Public Access to Site Records

The Fernald Citizens Advisory Board (FCAB) will host a public workshop on March 13, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at the Crosby Township Senior Center, 8910 Willey Road, Harrison, Ohio. The intent of the meeting is to obtain public input on long-term management of records and ongoing access to important data. The FCAB will develop a needs assessment report from this input. In particular, participants will discuss the integration of public records needs with a community vision for the long-term management and stewardship of the Fernald site. For more information, visit www.fernaldcab.org, or contact the FCAB, 513-648-6478.

Master Plan for Public Use ready to be released

In February, Fernald released the *Master Plan for Public Use of the Fernald Site* for public review and comment. The 30-day comment period will end on March 15. Issuance of this document gives the public an opportunity to express its desires for public use of and access to the restored Fernald site once cleanup is complete. Copies of the document are available in the Fernald Public Environmental Information Center, 10995 Hamilton-Cleves Highway, and on the Fernald Web site at www.fernald.gov. For more information, contact Gary Stegner, DOE-Fernald Public Affairs officer, 513-648-3153, email: gary.stegner@fernald.gov.

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