

## *A Look Ahead . . .*

A publication for Fernald stakeholders

### **Waste Pits Project**

- As of August 11, the Waste Pits Project has sent 124 unit trains totaling 7,366 railcars and 782,596 tons of waste to Envirocare of Utah for disposal. Due to funding constraints no further rail shipments are planned until October 2004
- Dryer operations are scheduled for completion in September with an overall project completion date of November.

### **Decontamination and Demolition Project**

- Building demolition continues with a total of 166 structures demolished to date.
- The East Trailer Park consisting of 21 trailers and 4 other components was demolished in August
- The West Trailer Park demolition will begin September 13.
- Preparation for demolition continues in the Administration complex.

### **Soil and Disposal Facility Project**

- Heavy equipment blankets the former production area as excavation and concrete breaking continues.
- Over 289,300 cubic yards of material was placed in the On-Site Disposal Facility (OSDF) since January 2004, bringing the cumulative total to 1.63 million in place cubic yards.
- Progress on the OSDF is as follows:
 

Cell #1 – 100 percent complete	Cell #5 – 42 percent complete
Cell #2 – 100 percent complete	Cell #6 – 33 percent complete
Cell #3 – 100 percent complete – cap is being constructed	
Cell #4 – 75 percent complete	
- Construction of cells seven and eight continues.

### **Silos Project**

- Silo 3 is in hot stand-by mode. Full plant training exercise continues to maintain a state of readiness.
- The Department of Energy is reviewing the various options for addressing waste shipment.
- The Accelerated Waste Retrieval Project is finishing the readiness actions and will be ready to move Silos 1 and 2 materials into the Transfer Tank Area.
- Silos 1 & 2 treatment facility construction is complete.

### **Aquifer Restoration/Wastewater Project**

- The project has extracted more than 15.8 billion gallons of water; treated 10.4 billion gallons and removed 6,300 pounds of uranium from the aquifer since 1993.
- The Advanced Wastewater Treatment facility conversion is progressing. Full-scale construction is scheduled to commence in late September.



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### **Countdown to Closure**

**Tuesday, September 21**— The quarterly public meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Fernald site in Trailer 214. Silos startup and operations will be the primary topic with updates and status reports on all site projects.

### **Fernald Citizens Advisory Board (FCAB)**

**Thursday, September 16** -- FCAB Stewardship Committee meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Fernald site in Trailer 214. Discussion on post-closure issues will be the meeting topic.

**Saturday, September 18** – The full FCAB will hold its annual planning retreat this month. No formal public meeting will be held.

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