

## Fernald Closure Project

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## Fernald Perimeter Fence Removed as Cleanup Progresses

CINCINNATI – Fernald workers are in the process of removing nearly six miles of perimeter fence marking the boundary of the 1,050-acre former uranium production plant. The field fence is being removed in sections as cleanup progresses in various parts of the site. Security and construction fences remain in areas where waste is present or other work is still in progress. When the site environmental cleanup is complete a security fence will surround the 3,700-foot long On-Site Disposal Facility where Fernald's contaminated dirt and building debris is permanently stored.

While the field fence never was designed as a security barrier, No Trespassing signs will remain around the perimeter of the Fernald property to remind hunters and hikers that trespassing on Federal land carries up to a \$5,000 fine. Fernald Security and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department will continue to patrol the project and perimeter.

"For the past decade we've been steadily removing the health and safety risks associated with this site," says Fluor Fernald Public Affairs Director Jeff Wagner. "The purpose of the cleanup is to return this land as an asset back to the community. Taking down the fence removes yet another visual barrier and indicates how close we are to this goal."

Fence removal will be complete this spring. Today, over 70 percent of the site has reached cleanup levels established by Ohio and US EPA as well as site neighbors. Fluor Fernald expects to complete the cleanup, soil certification and all restoration work by spring 2006. The DOE's Office of Legacy Management will be responsible for the long-term care of the site once cleanup is complete.

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