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Waste Pits Project update

The Waste Pits Project team continues excavating Pits 1, 2 and 3. Limited excavation is also being performed in Pit 5. Trains 39 and 40 are scheduled for shipment to Envirocare in late June. Train length has been increased from 60 to 65 cars. For more information on the Waste Pits Project, visit the Web site at www.fernald.gov/cleanupproj/wastepits.htm, or contact Dave Lojek, DOE-FEMP Waste Pits project manager, 513-648-3127, email: dave.lojek@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, will continue with demolition and shearing of equipment, removal of asbestos contaminated piping and interior transite and below grade demolition. MACTEC also completed the closure of punchlist items and decontamination of all construction equipment for Plant 5, the former Metals Production Plant.

The D&D Project also submitted the draft "*Pilot Plant Implementation Plan*" to the regulatory agencies for review in May, as required by the Operable Unit 3 Integrated Remedial Design/Remedial Action Work Plan.

Currently, a total of 92 buildings and 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.

New Fernald Citizens Advisory Board (FCAB) Web Page unveiled

In mid-June, the FCAB will unveil its new Web site. This site will be linked to Fernald's Web page, but will be independent of it, allowing for additional space to present detailed information about the FCAB's history and recommendations. The site will also feature a calendar of FCAB activities, along with minutes from committee and full board meetings as well as sections on special topics of interest such as waste transportation and the "Future of Fernald" process. Be sure to look up the new Web site at www.fernaldcab.org, then send your feedback to cmsarno@theperspectivesgroup.com or to tisha.patton@fernald.gov.



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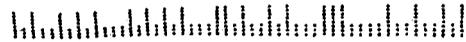
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Russian technology at work

On June 19 through June 21, Fernald will participate in the Nuclear Materials Focus Area-sponsored U.S. – Russian workshop in Cincinnati. Russian scientists from the Khlopin Radium Institute, Mining and Chemical Combine and Institute of Chemistry and Chemical Technology and Fernald representatives will discuss the results of the Russian technology to stabilize radioactive solutions.

A tour is planned for scientists to observe the application of the Gubka porous crystalline matrix technology process in the Fernald lab. For more information, contact Kathleen Nickel, DOE-FEMP Technology Programs Officer, 513-648-3166, email: kathi.nickel@fernald.gov.

Argentine visit planned

On June 20, a delegation of Argentine scientists will tour the site, observe a geoprobe demonstration and listen to technical presentations on radioactive waste management featuring characterization and modeling. The DOE Office of Environmental Management, Office of Science and Technology and the government of Argentina are conducting a technical exchange in the area of radioactive and mixed waste management to create new collaborative projects addressing subsurface contaminants.

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