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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 complete 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, removal of equipment, piping, exterior transite, windows, debris and structural steel.

Utility isolation activities have begun in Building 53A (Safety & Health Building). Work crews are expected to begin mobilization of the building in mid-February.

In January, Mactec completed D&D of Buildings 8B, 8H, and 2F, which brings the total of remediated structures to 102. For more information on D&D Projects, visit www.fernald.gov/cleanupproj/d&d.htm, or contact John Trygier, DOE-Fernald D&D project manager, 513-648-3154, email: john.trygier@fernald.gov.

Clearing trees in the Northern Pine Area

A contract was recently awarded to begin chipping the dead and diseased pine trees in the Northern Pine Area located adjacent to State Route 126. Chipping is expected to last approximately six weeks. Wood chips generated from the chipping will be hauled to the Borrow Area and Southern Waste Units for use in site restoration work. The Northern Pine area provides shelter for a large population of deer and other wildlife. Motorists need to be extremely cautious when driving near that area. For more information, visit our Web site at www.fernald.gov, or contact Rob Janke, DOE-Fernald project manager, 513-648-3124, email: rob.janke@fernald.gov.

North Access Road closed

As of March 1, the North Access Road will be permanently closed to through traffic due to the expansion of the On-Site Disposal Facility. A new security post will be located at the north end of the road for construction deliveries. 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 about this closure have been made to the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Hamilton County Engineer's Office. For more information, please contact Robert Nichols, Fluor Fernald Infrastructure Support project manager, 513-648-5180, email: robert.nichols@fernald.gov.

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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. DOE-Fernald project managers will discuss the status of each cleanup project. During the second half of the meeting, a presentation will be given on the Explanation of Significant Difference of OU1 to use the Waste Pits Remedial Action Project to process certain legacy waste materials for disposal at Envirocare. All visitors must show photo identification and will be subject to vehicle inspection by a Fernald Security Officer when entering the site. Those without a picture badge will need to be escorted to the meeting location. For more information, contact Gary Stegner, DOE-Fernald Public Affairs officer, 513-648-3153, email: gary.stegner@fernald.gov.

Master Plan for Public Use ready to be released

On Feb. 12, Fernald will release 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 their desires for public use of and access to the restored Fernald site once cleanup is complete. A public hearing will be held on **Feb. 28, at 6:30 p.m., at the Alpha Building** (located at 10967 Hamilton-Cleves Highway in Harrison) to answer questions and receive comments.

Copies of the document will be 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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