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Waste Pits Project update

During the March/April timeframe, Unit Trains 54, 55, and 56 safely transported approximately 20,000 tons of pit material to Envirocare of Utah. Trains 57 and 58 are scheduled to depart in May. With the shipment of these trains, the Waste Pits Project team will have successfully transported over 360,000 tons of waste to Envirocare without incident. The team has been working seven days a week, 24-hours per day to meet the increased shipping goal for 2002. The project is approximately 42 percent complete. For more information on the Waste Pits Project, visit the Web site at www.fernald.gov/cleanupproj/wpits.htm or contact Dave Lojek, DOE-FEMP Waste Pits project manager, 513-648-3127, email: dave.lojek@fernald.gov.

Silos update

Silos 1 and 2 - In May, project staff members will begin procurement for the waste treatment facility clarifier system, which will minimize waste volume by stabilizing water content. In June, members will begin procurement for the tank agitator in the waste treatment facility. As part of the Silos 1 and 2, waste retrieval crews will continue construction on the Radon Control System structure and equipment installation in the electrical building. They will complete construction of the transfer tanks, begin Radon Control System equipment installation and begin electrical work for trailer relocation. The project is approximately seven percent complete.

Silo 3 - In May, personnel will begin civil and concrete design packages and early construction fieldwork on the structure, which will contain Silo 3 and the extraction and material handling equipment. The project is approximately eight percent complete. For more information on the 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.

Nuclear Materials Disposition update

The last truckload of product uranium material will leave the Fernald site on Wednesday, May 15 bound for Portsmouth, Ohio. A milestone will be recognized as the project successfully completed the removal of a total of 9.1 million net pounds of product since March 1999. For more information, call John Sattler, 648-3145 or email: john.sattler@fernald.gov.

New hours for the Public Environmental Information Center (PEIC)

Beginning May 10, the PEIC will be changing its hours of operation. The regular operating hours for the center are: Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and every other Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, contact the PEIC, 513-648-7480.

Fernald Citizens Advisory Board meeting

On Saturday, May 18, the Board will discuss possible designs for a multi-use education facility located on Fernald property. The meeting will begin on site and then move to the Crosby Township Senior Center, 8910 Willey Road. There is no Stewardship meeting this month. For more information, contact Gary Stegner, DOE-FEMP Public Affairs officer, 513-648-3153, email: gary.stegner@fernald.gov.

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National Science Bowl

Sycamore High School, the Greater Cincinnati Regional Science Bowl champion, will join 63 other schools from around the country at the National Science Bowl in Washington D.C., May 3 - 6. For the fourth year in a row, Sycamore will represent the area as they vie for the top prize of a two- week trip to the London International Youth Science Forum in England.

Cold War Garden Bricks Available

A Cold War Garden was established to commemorate the sacrifices made and the historical role of Fernald workers and area residents. To preserve this historical marker, commemorative bricks are available for \$35. Join community members, former and current workers in purchasing a brick to reflect your own contributions to Fernald or honor a friend, relative or loved one. Call the Cold War Garden hotline, (513) 648-4071.

DOE Public Tour of Fernald

The sixth annual evening tour of the Fernald site will be held on Tuesday, May 14 at 6 p.m. Visitors who have attended past tours will readily recognize the dramatic change that has been made in the former production area as six of the ten major plants are gone. The tour, which will include all remediation projects, will make a stop at the Silos to focus on the Accelerated Waste Retrieval and the Silo 3 projects. Please arrive at the Fernald Site by 5:15 p.m. to register. The tour will begin promptly at 6 p.m. and finish by 8:30 p.m. To pre-register, call Jeannie Foster at 513-648-5883 or e-mail: jeannie.foster@fernald.gov prior to May 9.

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