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### **Waste Pits Project**

As of January 21, the Waste Pits Project has sent 107 unit trains totaling 6,351 railcars and 683,287 tons of waste to Envirocare of Utah for disposal. Delivery of 25 additional railcars brings the entire fleet number to 250 railcars, supporting four unit trains. The project is on target for completion in August 2004.

### **Waste Management Project**

By the end of February the Silos Project will have absorbed the Waste Management Project. Waste Management is now 99 percent complete with only 1,870 containers of low-level and mixed waste remaining in inventory. Over the lifetime of the project, 6.4 million cubic feet of low-level waste has been shipped to the Nevada Test Site and 163,912 gallons of low-level mixed waste sent off site for incineration.

The Silos Project will handle newly generated waste during cleanup operations.

### **Decontamination and Demolition Project**

Building demolition continues with a grand total of 145 structures demolished to date. Crews expect to have the Lab and Plant 8 on the ground by February. Demolition of the Pilot Plant, the last remaining production building, will be complete in March.

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

In calendar year 2003 the Soil and Disposal Facility Project placed 412,000 in-place cubic yards into the On-Site Disposal Facility, the highest amount since the project began.

Stone deliveries continue to arrive at the Fernald site via the State Route 126 entrance. Trucks will make deliveries one to three times a day (depending on weather, work schedule and available light). Delivery rates will typically range from 10 to 40 trucks during any 2-hour delivery period.

### **Silos Project**

As construction wraps up in the Silo 3 Waste Project removal, work now focuses on testing the systems and procedures that will dictate how 5,100 cubic yards of radioactive waste is removed, packaged and shipped off site. The current schedule for beginning waste treatment and operations is April 2004.

### **Changes on site**

Starting the weekend of January 24-25, Security will block off entrances to the four parking rows that make up the southern half of the Main Parking Lot to make way for truck trailers. This portion of the parking lot will support remaining shipments from Waste Management as well as future waste shipments from the Silos Project.

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

**Tuesday, February 17** -- FCAB Stewardship Committee meeting begins at 6 p.m. at the Fernald Records Center, 690 Crescentville Road in the tri-county area.

**Wednesday, February 18** -- Full FCAB meeting - The meeting begins at 6 p.m. at the Fernald site in Trailer 214. We will continue the discussion on groundwater among other topics.

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