

## *A Look Ahead...*

A publication for Fernald stakeholders

### **Waste Pits Project**

- As of March 11, the Waste Pits Project has sent 111 unit trains totaling 6,591 railcars and 709,070 tons of waste to Envirocare of Utah for disposal. Train #112 is expected to leave Fernald on March 24 and Train #113 is scheduled for March 31.

### **Decontamination and Demolition Project**

- Building demolition continues with a total of 157 structures demolished to date. Silo 4 (the empty silo) was demolished on February 25. The demolition of the steel superstructure that enveloped the silo will begin March 20.
- Crews are in the process of transporting debris from the laboratory directly to the On-Site Disposal Facility (OSDF).
- **Demolition of the Pilot Plant, the last remaining production building, will be complete in April.**

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

- Heavy equipment blankets the former production area as excavation and concrete breaking continues.
- Winter placement has been successful, as nearly 20,000 cubic yards have been moved to the On-Site Disposal Facility (OSDF). Progress on the OSDF is as follows:
 

Cell #1 – 100 percent complete	Cell #4 – 61 percent complete
Cell #2 – 100 percent complete	Cell #5 – 9 percent complete
Cell #3 – 99 percent complete	Cell #6 – 9 percent complete
- Three restoration designs related to fall projects are currently being reviewed. Phase II of the wetland mitigation project (8 acres in the north of the site) will resume at the end of March.

### **Silos Project**

- Silo 3 facilities are undergoing Startup and Operability Testings prior to the Fluor Standard Startup Review. All construction turnover packages have been conditionally accepted. Fluor Fernald expects to begin waste retrieval and packaging in May 2004. Operations are expected to take five months.
- Accelerated Waste Retrieval (AWR) project construction is also nearing completion and will begin operations in July 2004.
- Silos 1 & 2 treatment facility construction will be complete this spring with operations set to begin this fall.



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### **Countdown to Closure**

Tuesday, March 23 – **The quarterly public meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Fernald site in Trailer 214.** There will be updates and status reports on all site projects including silos startup and operations and post-closure groundwater remediation.

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

**Monday, April 5** -- FCAB Stewardship Committee meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Fernald site in Trailer 214. Discussion on post-closure issues will be the meeting topic.

**Tuesday, April 6** -- Full FCAB meeting - The meeting begins at 6 p.m. at the Fernald site in Trailer 214. Following a short meeting the group will take a tour of the Silos Project.

### **Earth Day**

Join us for Cincinnati's Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 17 at Sawyer Point from 1 p.m. to dark. There will be music, educational displays and plenty of free, fun-filled family activities. Stop by the Fernald boot and check it out.

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