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Fernald Awards Contract to Begin Moving Silo 3 Waste Off Site

CINCINNATI - Fluor Fernald, Inc., the contractor responsible for cleaning the 1,050-acre former uranium production plant for the Department of Energy (DOE) awarded a contract to Envirocare of Utah for disposal of 5,100 cubic yards of uranium processing residues stored in Silo 3 at the Fernald site. The contract is valued at \$2.9 million. Envirocare is currently licensed to begin receiving this waste, which is acceptable within their current 11e(2) disposal license. 11e(2) waste does not represent an increase in the typical levels of radioactivity of waste already disposed at this facility. Fluor Fernald will begin shipping waste by truck later this month. The shipping campaign is expected to take 4 – 6 months to complete.

In June 2004 Fluor Fernald completed construction of a waste extraction and packaging facility. Fernald workers will use remotely controlled pneumatic and traditional mining equipment to remove the powdery waste from the silo. Once in the packaging facility, an additive will be applied to control dust. Each package will weigh approximately 4,700 pounds. Once the package is filled and sealed it will be placed into a sealand container for additional protection and for ease of handling. Eight waste packages will be loaded per sealand container.

“The award of this contract allows us to clear another hurdle toward the timely completion of the Fernald cleanup,” said Jamie Jameson, Fluor Fernald closure project director.

While Fernald has been shipping waste off-site for nearly 20 years, over 80 percent of the total waste volume is being placed in a series of eight disposal cells located on Fernald property. About 3 million cubic yards of waste including contaminated soil and building debris will be buried, capped and monitored in this 100-plus acre facility by the time the site cleanup is complete.

Once Silo 3 waste is safely removed from the site all associated waste packaging and support facilities will be demolished and the land will be certified clean by the Ohio and U.S. EPA's.

Fluor Fernald is on schedule to complete the Fernald cleanup in early 2006.

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