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A Look Ahead...

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Decontamination and Demolition Project

Demolition has been completed on Plant 2/3, the former Refinery Plant, bringing the total to 24 structures that have been demolished in 2003. Fluor and demolition subcontractors continue to take down Plant 8, the General Sump, Hot Raffinate Building and the Pilot Plant. All former production buildings will be on the ground by years end.

Waste Pits Project

As of October 1, the Waste Pits Project sent 97 unit trains totaling 5,756 railcars and 619,000 tons of waste to Envirocare of Utah for disposal. The project plans to send seven more unit trains through the end of November. The project is on target for completion in August 2004.

The Final Proposed Plan for an Amendment to the OU1 ROD, addressing comments received from USEPA and OEPA, has been finalized and transmitted to the EPAs. A public hearing to review the Proposed Plan with members of the public, and accept comments, was held on September 30, 2003. The public comment period ends on October 17. Copies of the Proposed Plan are available at Fernald Public Environmental Information Center.

Waste Management Project

Nearly 164,000 cubic feet of low-level waste was shipped to the Nevada Test Site (NTS) in fiscal year 2003. Approximately 3,000 containers of low-level and mixed waste remain on site. The low-level waste will be shipped to NTS by the December/January time frame and the remaining mixed waste will be treated and shipped by September 30, 2004 in accordance with the site treatment plan milestone dates.

Soil and Disposal Facility Project

In September the SDFP Project placed 63,416 in-place cubic yards into the On-Site Disposal Facility, the highest amount since the project began. The goal for October is 70,000 cubic yards. In coming months the Cell 2 cap and Cell 6 liner will be completed.

Silos Project

The Silos 1 and 2 Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) 30-day public comment period ended September 26, 2003. A responsiveness summary will be prepared to address the comments, which will be incorporated in the ESD and submitted to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency for review.

2003 United Way Campaign surpasses \$100,000 Goal!

On Thursday, Sept. 25 the United Way Co-Chairs announced the campaign raised over \$128,433 with that number is expected to go higher in the next few weeks. About 800 workers attended the Grand Finale Cookout, which culminated with the Silent Auction and Pie in the Face Contest. Both fundraisers were very successful with the Silent Auction bringing in nearly \$4,000 and Pie in the Face \$7,713, a new RECORD!

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Department of Energy Guidance Document - topic of October Cleanup Progress Briefing
 On Tuesday, October 21, at 6 p.m. in Trailer 214 at Fernald, DOE and Fluor Fernald will host a Cleanup Progress Briefing. The feature topic will be DOE's Risk-Based End State Vision.

Project Updates – topic of December Cleanup Progress Briefing

On Tuesday, December 2, at 6 p.m. in Trailer 214 at Fernald, DOE and Fluor Fernald will host a Cleanup Progress Briefing. Project updates will be featured.

Fernald Citizens Advisory Board (FCAB)

Monday, October 20 -- FCAB Stewardship Committee meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Fernald site in Trailer 214.

Tuesday, October 21-- Full FCAB meeting - The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Fernald site in Trailer 214 following the DOE Cleanup Progress Briefing.

Monday, December 1 - FCAB Stewardship Committee meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Fernald site in Trailer 214.

Tuesday, December 2 - Full FCAB meeting - The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Fernald site in Trailer 214 following the DOE Cleanup Progress Briefing.

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