



Manager's Minute

August 12, 2014

Lightning Safety

Over the last week, we have experienced major storms, including thunder and lightning. Due to the nature of the scope of work being conducted at the Paducah Project, personnel may be exposed to adverse weather conditions. Outside work will not be conducted during lightning storms and when lightning is in the area. Work activities that may be affected by adverse weather conditions will be evaluated by the supervisor and project ES&H team to determine the impact of the weather. Remember, work may resume 30 minutes after the last visible lightning strike in the area.

Project Success

- **C-410**—Teams have removed almost all transite from Sector VI, and are working to complete removal of all remaining transite this week. The teams also are removing previously inaccessible piping that contains asbestos insulation prior to demolition. Once Sector VI is demolished, the only remaining structure will be C-420, zones 7 and 8. Teams continue to concentrate on removing transite, downsizing, and loading waste for shipment in covered railcars.



- **C-746-B Doors 1 and 2**—The project still is trending ahead of schedule. The team safely characterized, packaged, and removed an additional 940 ft³ last week, raising the total to 28,729 ft³. Over 17,500 ft³ of this material already has been loaded into covered railcars and will be shipped off-site for disposal by September 30.
- **SWMU 1**—Radiation control technicians completed all grid radiation survey work last week after 4 feet of soil was excavated. Crews already have begun placing 2 feet of dirt back on the area for deep soil mixing. Workers will create a 1% slope to support surface water drain and will compact and seed the area. This week crews will focus on cutting a road for a crane that will arrive this winter.
- **C-400**—Teams continue pulse operations that likely will require 2 additional weeks (5 weeks total). The average heating temperature is holding at nearly 210° F. An additional 4 gallons of volatile organic compounds were removed last week, totaling 1,102 gallons to date.

Summer Internship Success

Our recently completed summer intern program was the best that LATA Kentucky has had in its 4 years of work at the Paducah Site and will serve as a model for 2015. At their farewell luncheon last Wednesday, the interns spoke about how much they enjoyed and learned from their experience. They performed valuable work for us, gained a much better understanding of DOE's cleanup mission, and greatly enhanced our community relations efforts. Thank you to all of the mentors, weekly presenters, organizer Steve Christmas, and everyone who helped make the program a success.

Have a safe week.