

## Cleanup in Spelter class-action suit slated to be finished in 2014

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**SPELTER** — Soil cleanup that's part of the Spelter smelter class-action settlement with DuPont should be finished this year, according to the settlement claims office.

Cleanup inside homes located closest to the old zinc smelter is also expected to be done this year, according to a press release issued by Claims Office Executive Director Mike Jacks.

That would leave cleanup of homes in other zones throughout the class area, which stretches from Shinnston to Edgewood, according to Jacks. That is projected for completion by the end of 2014.

The cleanup is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. Tuesday at the home of Lenora Perrine, a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who was the lead plaintiff in the nearly 8-year-old case.

DuPont agreed to medical monitoring and property remediation in return for not continuing an aggressive defense. The plaintiffs gave up their potential right to a hefty award for punitive damages that had been whittled down during the appeals process.

NCM Demolition & Remediation of Brea, Calif., was awarded the contract after proposing to complete work for \$16.3 million (a total that includes a 10 percent reserve), Claims Administrator Ed Genie has said. That cost likely will grow to \$17 million with a decision to add soil cleanup at 20 properties adjacent to the smelter but not initially mandated for cleanup.

The cleanup is to abate haz-

ardous levels of zinc, lead, cadmium or arsenic, according to an order from Harrison Circuit Judge Thomas A. Bedell.

Bedell also has set aside \$1 million as a reserve for repairing damage to roads.