

**WMCO RECOMMENDATION TO DOE  
REGARDING A CITIZEN'S COMMENT**

**05/25/89**

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LETTER**

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May 25, 1989

Mr. James A. Reafsnyder  
Site Manager  
U. S. Department of Energy  
P. O. Box 398705  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45239-8705

Dear Mr. Reafsnyder:

The attached letter was received on May 22, obviously a follow-up to the May 15 Town Meeting. Community Relations recommends that we pursue this suggestion and will investigate the Cincinnati Library's receptivity to having an FMPC reading room established there.

WMCO will also take the responsibility of responding to Mr. White of our further examination of his recommendation.

Very truly yours,



S. Renae Cook, Manager  
Community Relations

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Attachment

c: P. E. Mohr  
S. Wolinsky, ASI  
Central Files

1600 Thompson Heights #111  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45223  
May 19, 1989

FMPC Community Relations Department  
Westinghouse Materials Company of Ohio  
P.O. Box 398704  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45239-8704

Dear Sir/Madam;

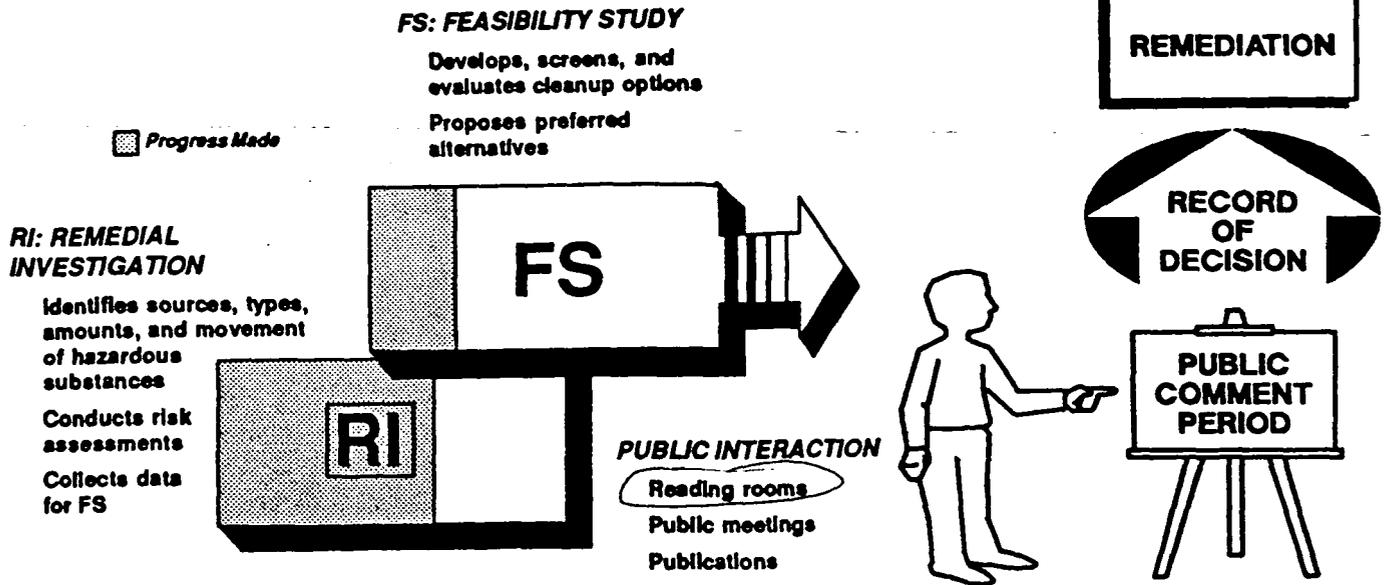
I am writing to inquire as to what steps can be taken to establish an FMPC reading room at the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County as soon as possible. The Fernald situation is a serious long-term problem of a technical nature which affects the entire Cincinnati area. In order to understand the problem and to reach informed opinions, students and others need access to information currently only available in FMPC reading rooms.

Presently, FMPC reading rooms are located at the plant which, although located only twenty miles from downtown Cincinnati, is inaccessible by public transportation, and the public library in Hamilton, Ohio, which is difficult to reach even by auto and is not even located in the same county as the FMPC. Students especially have trouble reaching these points, yet are the people who need the information the most, as they are the ones on whom many of the future problems caused by Fernald will ultimately fall.

The RI/FS process is well underway, and the public interaction phase relies in part on the easy availability of RI/FS and other documents in local reading rooms. In order to reach this goal, it would seem that an FMPC reading room be established at the Cincinnati Public Library as a matter of course. Your answer will be greatly appreciated. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,  
*Rodney S. White*  
Rodney S. White

# HOW THE RI/FS PROCESS WORKS



and selection of a proposed plan for remediation.

The final Feasibility Study report will evaluate a number of remedial action alternatives and recommend a preferred alternative based on the defined criteria. The U.S. EPA will propose preferred alternatives and invite public comment on the Feasibility Study reports and on the recommended alternative. After state and community comments are received and studied, the U.S. EPA will select the remediation activities for the FMPC and a Record of Decision will be written for each operable unit.

### The U.S. EPA Role

The U.S. EPA plays a key role in the Fernald RI/FS process, as defined in the cooperative agreement and in federal laws and regulations which share concern for public health, welfare, and the environment—both on and off the FMPC site. The U.S. EPA provides review and concurrence on all RI/FS activities.

### Public involvement: The community's role in the process

A critical component of both the Remedial Investigation and the Feasibility Study is the community relations program. The FMPC RI/FS Community Relations Plan identifies opportunities for public participation through meetings, availability of RI/FS and other documents in local reading rooms, public exhibits, and public comment periods.

The community relations program seeks to foster a dialogue between the local community and DOE. For example, the public is invited to become acquainted with specific RI/FS results by reviewing and commenting on key documents. These comments will be considered during the preparation of each Feasibility Study and will become public record in the Record of Decision, the final report on the preferred remediation alternative for each operable unit.

Local residents can learn more about the FMPC RI/FS in several ways.

**ATTEND PUBLIC MEETINGS**  
 Scheduled throughout the year

**WRITE**  
 U.S. Department of Energy  
 P.O. Box 398705  
 Cincinnati, Ohio 45239

**VISIT READING ROOMS**  
 Filled with reports, fact sheets, plans, and other pertinent information. They are located in:

FMPC Administration Building  
 7400 Wiley Road  
 Cincinnati, Ohio 45239  
 (513) 738-6376  
 Monday-Friday; 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Lane Public Library  
 North Third & Buckeye Streets  
 Hamilton, Ohio 45013  
 (513) 894-7156  
 Monday-Saturday; 9 a.m.-9 p.m.  
 Sunday; 1 p.m.-5 p.m.