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February 10, 1989
DOE-583-89

Mr. William E. Muno, Chief
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
230 South Dearborn Street
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Dear Mr. Muno:

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION, COMMUNITY RELATIONS, U.S. DOE - FERNALD OH6
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This letter provides a schedule for issuance of quarterly newsletters which provide information about the ongoing FMPC Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study. Also provided are tentative dates for the three public information meetings to be conducted in calendar year 1989. This information is being provided pursuant to your letter of January 6, 1989.

Schedules for the quarterly newsletters and tentative dates for the CY 1989 public meetings are presented in Attachment 1. As the date for the public meetings approach, your office will be notified of the specific time and location for the meetings. The public will be notified of these meetings through ads in local newspapers and media announcements.

In addition to requesting schedules for the newsletters and public meetings, your letter contained a Notice of Violation for Community Relations activities at the FMPC site. The notice stated that the DOE has failed to complete community relations obligations with regard to the conduct of RI/FS public information meetings three times per year and the distribution of quarterly newsletters for any interested parties.

The DOE considers that the FMPC site has satisfied both the content and intent of the "Volume 3: Community Relations Plan" which was prepared by the DOE and approved by USEPA. Requirements of the Community Relations Plan and activities performed to date to meet these requirements are summarized in Attachment 2. As noted in your letter, the DOE will take

additional actions to ensure that the USEPA is notified prior to public meetings and to ensure that future monthly RI/FS reports properly reflect the scope of community relations activities performed.

The DOE remains committed to keeping the public well informed of activities underway and the progressive findings of the RI/FS. Should you have additional questions or concerns regarding our efforts in the area of Community Relations, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,


James A. Reafsnyder
Site Manager

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Attachment: As stated

cc w/att:

- W. R. Bibb, DP-80, ORO
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1989 SCHEDULE

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>DATE</u>
1989 Public Meeting 1	January 31, 1989
1989 Public Meeting 2	April 11, 1989
1989 Public Meeting 3	August 15, 1989

NEWSLETTERS

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>DATE</u>
1989 Newsletter 1	March, 1989
1989 Newsletter 2	June, 1989
1989 Newsletter 3	September, 1989
1989 Newsletter 4	December, 1989

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Requirement: RI/FS investigators will meet with a small group of interested residents and public officials within the Fernald Community three times per year to discuss RI/FS progress, in detail, to answer questions, and to elicit community viewpoints. Participants will include technical experts and individuals responsible for the RI/FS investigation and analysis.

Activities Performed:**1. FRESH Meeting - April 23, 1987**

Speakers at the meeting included Mr. Don Phoenix of Roy F. Weston Corporation, Mr. Joe Yeasted of IT Corporation, and Mr. Bob Conner of Westinghouse Materials Company of Ohio. Topics covered included 1) the schedule for the RI/FS, 2) the status of the RI/FS, and 3) progressive findings of the Characterization Investigation Study. A question and answer period was provided for all participants.

The meeting was attended by more than thirty personnel from the local area including media personnel. An announcement for the meeting was published in local newspapers.

2. Town Meeting - March 15, 1988

Speakers at the meeting Mr. Jim Reafsnyder of the Department of Energy and Mr. Bruce Boswell of Westinghouse Materials Company of Ohio. Topics covered included 1) environmental activities at the FMPC, 2) the scope, status, and schedule of the RI/FS, and 3) the results of environmental monitoring in areas around the FMPC. The meeting included a panel of experts from the FMPC to support a question and answer period. The meeting was attended by more than 200 people from the local communities. Media personnel from both television and newspapers were in attendance. An announcement for the meeting was published in local newspapers.

3. FRESH Meeting - April 28, 1988

Speakers at the meeting included Mr. Dick Wilde of Advanced Sciences Incorporated and Mr. Bob Conner of Westinghouse Materials Company of Ohio. Topics covered included the scope, schedule, and status of the RI/FS. A question and answer period was provided for all participants. The meeting was attended by approximately 25 people from the local area

including an editor from the Cincinnati Enquirer. An announcement for the meeting was published in local newspapers.

4. FMPC Open House - September 17, 1988

On September 17, 1988, the FMPC conducted an Open House. The event was attended by more than 2,500 people from the surrounding areas. A focal point of the Open House was the activities underway under the RI/FS. The Open House featured two continuous playing video tapes which described RI/FS efforts and featured a full panel display of RI/FS activities. The Open House also provided a bus tour of the site which included a tour of the FMPC waste storage area where emphasis was placed on the environmental concerns at the FMPC and actions being taken to address those concerns. More than ten technical experts were on-hand and staffed the RI/FS displays to discuss RI/FS activities and address public questions and comments. The Open House was announced in local newspapers.

Requirement: A quarterly newsletter will be distributed. The newsletter will be a substantive report of RI/FS progress, data gathered and analyzed, problems encountered, and future direction.

Activities Performed:

Four FMPC Updates (Newsletters) were issued during 1988. Each of these contained articles which focused on RI/FS and environmental activities. A summary of the articles is presented below.

1. FMPC Update - February 1988

- o "Waste Silo Stabilization Work Underway"
- o "WMO Begins Groundwater Assessment Program"
- o "FMPC Begins Thorium Repackaging Program"
- o "Characterization Investigation Study Completed"
- o "FMPC Uranium Emissions"
- o "More Material Added to FMPC Reference Rooms"

2. FMPC Update - May 1988

- o "Metzenbaum Pleased With WMO Site Cleanup Efforts"
- o "Major Improvements Summarized at Town Meetings"
- o "Construction on New Stormwater Retention Basin Has Started"
- o "DOE Budget Stresses Environmental Improvements"

3. FMPC Update - August/September 1988

- o "Thorium Repackaging Program Moving Forward"
- o "Environmental Monitoring Concludes No Harmful Effects"
- o "Air Monitoring Data Returns to Normal Low Levels"
- o "FMPC Continuing to Reduce Radioactive Waste Backlog"
- o "Advisory Committee Offers Appraisal of Progress"
- o "K-65 Silos: TV Monitors Provide Insight"
- o "FRESH Visitors Please With Progress"

4. FMPC Update - September 1988

- o "Displays, Exhibits Describe Varied FMPC Operations"

The DOE recognizes that with progressive findings of the RI/FS becoming available, additional emphasis should be placed on specific RI/FS activities and progress in the newsletters. A specific section of the FMPC Update will be devoted to RI/FS activities throughout 1989 and beyond.