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**THE FERNALD ADVISORY COMMITTEE JUNE
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The Fernald Advisory Committee

Purpose

An advisory committee is being formed to develop a public consensus about cleanup solutions and future courses of action at Fernald.

The government agencies responsible for cleaning up Fernald seek recommendations on some "big picture" issues:

- What will be the future use of the land at the site?
- What should be the cleanup objectives?
- How will wastes be disposed?

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Department of Energy are collaborating to form the advisory committee. The DOE will provide administrative support for the committee.

Each agency will carefully consider the committee's recommendations. However, the advisory committee will not replace the regulatory process, nor are its recommendations legally binding on the three agencies.

Who Will Be On The Committee?

The committee, which is expected to have 10 to 15 members, will represent the major groups and public interests. Potential stakeholders include environmentalists, labor representatives, local government officials, various community groups, and residents near the site. Its meetings will be open to the public.

How Will Members Be Selected?

A neutral, third-party consultant — called a "convener" — will nominate candidates to serve on the advisory committee. The convener is Dr. Eula Bingham, a professor of environmental health in the

College of Medicine and Director of the Ohio Hazardous Substances, Research, Education, and Management Institute at the University of Cincinnati. She was a volunteer investigator for the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, and has served on local, national, and international committees dealing with environmental and public health issues.

Dr. Bingham is seeking candidates who ensure a balanced and diverse representation of the parties affected by activities at the Fernald site. In order to create the most effective advisory committee possible, the convener will be meeting in the next few weeks with many groups and individuals to discuss how the committee should operate and who should serve.

Dr. Bingham also will hold a public workshop to talk about creation of the Fernald Advisory Committee. The workshop will be from 5 - 8 p.m. on July 14, at Meadowbrook, 2398 Venice Blvd., Ross, Ohio.

How Do I Get More Information?

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