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**THE PUBLIC ENVIRONMENTAL  
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# THE PUBLIC ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION CENTER

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## FERNALD

Environmental Management Project

### INTRODUCTION

The Public Environmental Information Center (PEIC) was created to provide easy public access to documents about the cleanup activities at the Fernald Environmental Management Project.

The PEIC houses the Administrative Record and the public reading room.

### Administrative Record

The Administrative Record is required by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (also known as Superfund). The Administrative Record is a body of documents that forms the basis for selection of a particular response action at a site. Documents in the Administrative Record include those that contain cleanup alternatives or options that were considered, but were ultimately rejected.

Not only does the Administrative Record document the decision for the selection of a response action, it serves as a vehicle for public participation in the selection of the response action. Moreover, judicial review of any issue concerning the adequacy of a response selection is limited to the Administrative Record. For purposes of administrative and judicial review,

the record contains documents that reflect the participation of the public and the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) consideration of the public's concerns.

Many different types of documents are generated when a remedial response action is selected. They may include:

- Factual information/data**, such as sampling data, inspection reports, risk assessments, work plans, technical studies performed for the site
- Policy and guidance**, such as memoranda on off-site disposal availability, alternative treatment technologies, guidance documents, technical literature
- Public Participation**, such as the community relations plan, public notices, transcripts of formal meetings, responses to significant comments received from the public, the proposed plan
- Enforcement documents**, such as administrative orders and consent decrees or agreements
- Decision documents**, such as the Record of Decision
- Other information**, such as the Administrative Record index, health assessments, documentation of state involvement

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### Key Documents

Methods for cleaning up Fernald are determined primarily through the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study process, which is required under Superfund. At various steps in this process, a report is issued. These key reports include:

- Remedial Investigation**, which presents information on the nature and extent of hazardous substance contamination. This report emphasizes data collection and site characterization.
- Feasibility Study**, which fully evaluates alternatives to prevent or reduce the migration or release of hazardous substances from the site.
- Baseline Risk Assessment**, which examines current and potential threats to human health and the environment that may be posed by contaminants on the site.
- Comprehensive Response Action Risk Evaluation**, which evaluates the risk associated with the proposed alternatives.
- Proposed Plan**, which summarizes what cleanup remedy has been selected, and why. The proposed plan, which the public comments on, is issued with the feasibility study.

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**Hours**

The PEIC is open six days a week:

9 a.m. - 8 p.m.	Monday and Thursday
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Saturday

**For More Information**

You can call the PEIC at

(513) 738-0164  
or  
(513) 738-0165.

**Record of Decision**, which spells out the cleanup plan. It also includes a section addressing public comments received on the proposed plan.

- Technical information collection
- Risk assessment information
- Cassette tapes or videotapes on selected meetings and conferences, site activities, etc.

**Public Reading Room**

The reading room contains additional background information on Fernald and other DOE sites, environmental restoration, fact sheets on cleanup activities and audio or video tapes. Some of the materials available include:

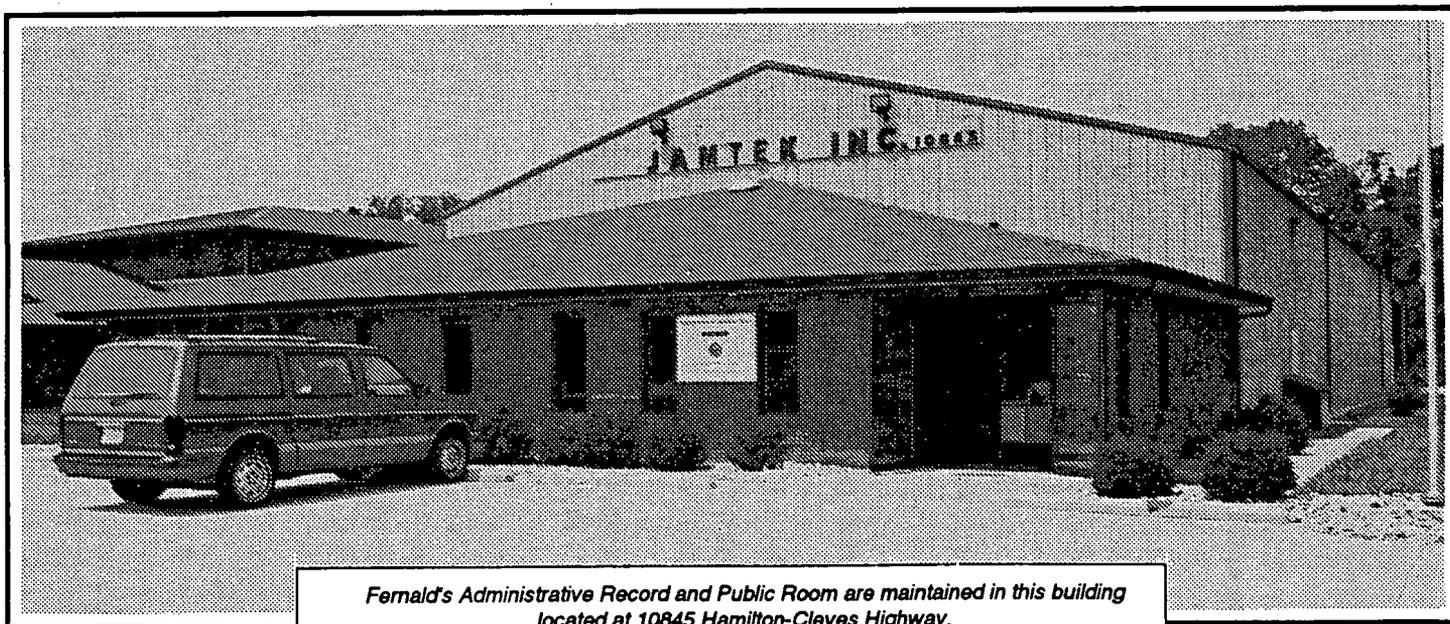
- Reference books on hazardous waste and related topics
- News clippings
- Technical law collection
- Technical Information Exchange (TIE) reports

**Copies**

Documents may not be taken out of the PEIC, but the public may make copies of the documents and other information. Copies are free.

**Location**

The PEIC is located about one mile south of the site on Hamilton-Cleves Highway, which is also State Route 128.



*Fernald's Administrative Record and Public Room are maintained in this building located at 10845 Hamilton-Cleves Highway.*