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## FERNALD ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORK SESSION JULY 14, 1993

FERNALD, Ohio -- A public work session to develop the Fernald Advisory Committee will be held July 14, 1993, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Meadowbrook, 2398 Venice Blvd., Ross Ohio. Members of the public are encouraged to attend this work session to discuss their interest in deciding the future of the Fernald Environmental Management Project.

Dr. Eula Bingham, professor of environmental health at the University of Cincinnati's College of Medicine, will convene a citizen's advisory committee to help guide cleanup at the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) former uranium processing plant, located 17 miles northwest of Cincinnati.

The Fernald Advisory Committee is being formed among the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and DOE. DOE will provide administrative support for the committee. As convener, Dr. Bingham will develop a specific charter and list of recommended participants through meetings with interested parties.

The advisory committee will seek consensus among stakeholders in solutions and future courses of action at Fernald. The advisory committee will advise the DOE on environmental restoration issues at the site. While each agency has agreed to consider the advisory committee recommendations in its decision-making process, the committee will not replace the DOE's management responsibilities or the regulatory process and its recommendations will not be legally binding.

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Some of the major issues that concern the agencies are:

- What should be the future use of the site?
- How clean is clean? (Determination of cleanup levels)
- Where should radioactive and hazardous waste be disposed that is generated as a result of environmental restoration activities?
- What are the site cleanup priorities?

The committee, which is expected to have 10 to 15 members, will represent the major stakeholders for the Fernald site. Potential stakeholders include environmentalists, labor representatives, local governmental officials, various community groups, and residents near the site.

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