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**DEAR STAKEHOLDER: (THANK YOU LETTER
FROM DR. BINGHAM TO STAKEHOLDER
PARTICIPATING IN THE JULY 14, 1993 WORK
SESSION)**

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LETTER**

August 4, 1993

Dear Stakeholder:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me during the July 14 work session on the Fernald advisory group. I found our discussions helpful in drafting a charter and for targeting representation on the advisory group. The advisory group will review the charter and make any modifications it deems necessary before approving it.

I have recommended that the advisory group be convened as a task force. If it is determined that the group should become an advisory committee, that change can be made with little alteration of the charter.

I have submitted the draft charter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy; a copy is enclosed for your review. If you have any comments, please call 648-6478 and leave a message. Or you can mail comments to the Fernald Citizens Task Force, P.O. Box 544, Ross, Ohio, 45061. Your comments on the charter will be forwarded to the task force for its consideration.

The U.S. Department of Energy, on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and itself, is in the process of sending invitation letters to the list of nominees for the task force. When the nominees have accepted, the list will be made public.

Your help in creating an advisory group to guide restoration and future uses of Fernald is appreciated. Thank you again for your interest.

Sincerely,


Dr. Eula Bingham

FEDERAL CITIZENS TASK FORCE

Citizens of Ohio have expressed an interest in providing a local viewpoint to guide the federal and state governments as critical decisions are made in the restoration and future uses of Fernald. The Department of Energy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency are committed to the concept that a Citizens Advisory Task Force will serve the public interest and provide useful information and ideas. Because environmental restoration activities are at a pivotal juncture in the decision-making process, the Task Force's contributions are critical to the successful remediation of the Fernald site. There is a mutual understanding that stakeholders desire and deserve a role in the process that will influence their future for generations.

SCOPE

The focus of the Task Force is the future of the Fernald site. The Task Force will make recommendations regarding the potential uses of the Fernald site and the criteria for cleanup to ensure an environmental restoration that is appropriate for current and future generations. The Task Force recommendations will be made to the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Restoration and Waste Management (hereafter "Assistant Secretary"), the Assistant Administrator for Solid Waste and Emergency Response to U.S. EPA, and the Director of Ohio EPA.

MEMBERSHIP

The Task Force is to be composed of no more than 15 Ohio residents, appointed by the Assistant Secretary, who are interested in the future of this site and who bring knowledge, views, technical expertise, and other skills to bear on a complicated technical and social problem: Fernald Cleanup. Appointment of half of the original members of the Task Force shall be for 3-year terms and half for 2-year terms. Subsequent appointments will be for 2-year terms. No one is eligible for more than 2 terms. Two non-voting alternate members may be appointed and participate in the deliberations.

In the future, new members shall be appointed by the Assistant Secretary from a list of interested citizens that has been prepared by a subcommittee of the Task Force. Ex-officio members (non-voting) shall consist of one responsible person from each of the interested governmental agencies, U.S. DOE, U.S. EPA, and Ohio EPA. A quorum is 3/5ths of the voting members, and shall be required for decision-making.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHAIR

The Assistant Secretary shall appoint one voting member of the Task Force to be its Chair. The Chair represents the Task Force in all official communications; presides at meetings; sets the times, places, and agenda for meeting; appoints committees; and retains consultants and is otherwise responsible for the administration of the Task Force.

TERMINATION OF TASK FORCE

The Task Force shall evaluate its work at 3 year intervals and decide whether to continue. The decision to discontinue must be agreed to by at least 2/3rds of the full voting membership of the Task Force.

FUNDING AND SUPPORT

The Assistant Secretary shall provide adequate funding for administrative support (including staff), travel and other expenses of the members, and technical assistance (including research, honorarium and travel of experts) that the Task Force docs is necessary.

WORK PRODUCT

The Task Force shall be guided by the deadlines under the Consent Agreement so that their advise is timely, and by the Interim Report of the Federal Facilities Environmental Restoration Dialogue Committee (February 1993). Recommendations from the Task Force to the agencies shall be in the form of written reports as deemed appropriate and shall respond to the following questions: 1) What should be the future use of the site? 2) Determinations of cleanup levels (How clean is clean?) 3) Where should radioactive and hazardous waste be disposed that is generated as a result of restoration activities? and 4) What should be the cleanup priorities?

Response to these questions depend on a set of conditions including but not limited to: 1) State of Ohio regulations and disposal criteria; 2) other state regulations regarding acceptance of waste; 3) available data on health effects and risks from the specific contaminants at the site; and 4) monies appropriated for cleanup. It is desirable that the Task Force set priorities for responding to questions and provide as much guidance as possible regarding their assessments.

DECISION MAKING

The Task Force shall work toward consensus reports regarding recommendations on various issues, however, on certain issues a minority report may be necessary. In these rare instances it is necessary to articulate in

writing both the areas of agreement and disagreement and the reasons why there continues to be differences.

AGENCY COLLABORATION

The agencies participating as ex-officio members of the Task Force shall assist the Task Force by providing technical expertise and assuring that all information necessary for Task Force deliberations is made available in a timely manner.

MEETINGS

The Task Force shall have regular public meetings in addition to working group meetings which will be announced in advance with an agenda. Such meetings shall be open to the public and opportunities for public comment shall be designated. The Task Force may vote to meet in executive session and formally vote during these sessions. Minutes of these meetings shall be available.