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**COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED
PLAN/ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR O.U.
3 (OFFICIAL COMMENTS OF THE CROSBY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA)**

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Dear Mr. Morgan:

The members of Crosby Elementary PTA's Executive Board and Crosby Elementary School's staff, which are members of the PTA, have read and discussed the information presented in the "Fact Sheet - Decontamination and Dismantlement of Buildings and Structures at Fernald, dated December 1993" and the "Proposed Plan/Environmental Assessment for Interim Remedial Action of Operable Unit 3".

We are submitting our comments and concerns as an attachment to this letter. We are submitting them after the specified public comment period closing date of January 7, 1994, as we were informed that the public comment period was extended for 30 days as announced at the public meeting held on January 5, 1994.

The PTA Board has taken the position that the PTA's responsibilities and actions are based in representing the issues of Parents and Teachers out of concern for our children and students. Because of the proximity of the school to the Fernald Site, Crosby Elementary School's PTA would like to have an informed membership. The PTA would like DOE and FERMCO to maintain community relations with our school membership and their families.

The Board has adopted the following position:

"In general, the Crosby Elementary School PTA supports the clean-up effort at Fernald and the concept the clean-up schedule could be improved."

In adopting this position the Board has tried to maintain sensitivity to the fact that the different alternatives could affect job and financial security of families at our school. This affect could in turn be impacted on the children at our school.

Sincerely,

Karen Bell

Crosby Elementary PTA
Karen Bell, President

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Attachment:
Crosby Elementary PTA, January 4, 1994

COMMENT SHEET

Would the required information on effects to personal health and environment be available for the areas to be demolished ahead of the site RI/FS. Could any contamination be brought out of the site. If so what additional information does RI/FS provide.

Would limits be established and monitored (air and water) at the work area boundaries. How are limits established, for adults or children. The school generally is not downwind or downstream of Fernald. Many of the students however live in the trailer park south-east of Fernald.

Lead-paint has been shown to be dangerous for children. Do you monitor for lead. Could construction work increase this hazard. Could it be brought off-site.

Would the tearing down of the buildings affect where hazardous material is stored.

Would the start of demolition in any way affect the outcome of the RI/FS as far as continuing to store construction waste on site. The promise has been to return the site to a clean area.

There have been articles in the paper that land in our area has been looked at for storage of waste. Is this true. That seems like a breach of promise.

Would the traffic be increased affecting the school bus routes.

Would construction traffic going off-site be monitored to keep roads clean from mud spreading contamination.

How will it affect the jobs of our parents. Will there be job loss affecting the financial situation of families and students at our school. Will there be stressful home situations created affecting students at school.

Fernald receives national attention. Would the clean-up effort attract any violence to the area. The site has had bomb threats in the past.

Although Fernald is in our school district, it receives no gain of school tax. No additional support appears to come from the construction phase. Could DOE/Fernald financially assist the school in hook-up to the new public water system?