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**THE USDOE FERNALD ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROJECT ANNOUNCE
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**THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
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The U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of the Operable Unit 3 (OU3) Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for public inspection. The DOE has prepared an integrated Proposed Plan/Environmental Assessment (PP/EA) on the proposed interim remedial action for the decontamination and dismantlement of structures and other improvements in OU3 at the Fernald Environmental Management Project (FEMP). The FONSI has been issued based on the analysis in the EA which lead to the determination that the action would not have a significant impact on the human environment.

The action proposed in the EA is to (1) decontaminate some 200 structures and other improvements in OU3 by removing loose radiological contamination, (2) remove equipment and stored material from the structures, (3) dismantle the structures and other improvements, including underground utilities, (4) construct and operate interim storage facilities adjacent to the former Production area and/or utilize existing structures with available space whose demolition has been scheduled such to assist in the implementation of the action, (5) ship a limited quantity of the waste and debris generated by dismantlement to licensed, off-site disposal sites, and (6) transport the balance of the waste and debris to the interim storage facilities or existing available structures, until a final decision is reached concerning treatment and disposal of the material.

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The EA examined and compared the environmental impacts of the proposed interim remedial action and reasonable alternatives. Based on the analyses in the EA, DOE has determined that the proposed action is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the meaning of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, 42 U.S.C 4321 et seq. Therefore, the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required, and DOE has issued a FONSI. The FONSI is being made available for public inspection in the Public Reading Room at the following location and times:

**Public Environmental Information Center
JAMTEK Building
10845 Hamilton-Cleves Highway; Harrison, Ohio 45030
Hours:
Monday & Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

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