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**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**REGION 5**

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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**JAN 26 1989**

Mr. James A. Reafsnyder  
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Re: Information Meeting  
 U.S. DOE - Fernald  
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Dear Mr. Reafsnyder:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) would like to acknowledge the receipt of your January 13, 1989, letter regarding a public information meeting on the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) that is scheduled for January 31, 1989. This letter was received by U.S. EPA on January 17, 1989, and included a request to notify the United States Department of Energy (U.S. DOE) by January 17, 1989, on whether or not a U.S. EPA representative would attend the public information meeting.

Under the RI/FS workplan, information meetings are required to be held every four months. Additionally, quarterly newsletters on the RI/FS are to be distributed to the public. In a January 6, 1989, Notice of Violation, U.S. EPA informed U.S. DOE that these community relations requirements have not been fulfilled. No RI/FS information meetings for the general public have been held and no RI/FS quarterly newsletters have been distributed.

Since November 1988, it has been communicated to U.S. DOE that a commitment regarding U.S. EPA's participation in the first public information meetings would only be made after the forum was selected and an agenda was developed. This occurred for the first time in your letter dated January 13, 1989.

Comments on the proposed agenda was presented to Ray Hanson in a January 19, 1989, telephone conversation. Items discussed in the telephone conversation were also presented to Mary Stone on January 20, 1989. The following summarizes the U.S. EPA's comments on the agenda:

1. The introductions should be limited to fifteen minutes due to time constraints.
2. If U.S. EPA is introduced, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) representatives should also be introduced.

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3. The classroom format may work with smaller groups. Contingencies should be developed in case there is a large number of meeting attendees.
4. The proposed technical topics include ground water, surface soils, and biology. What is meant by "biology"? There are six major areas that should be covered during the meeting:
  - Ground water
  - Surface water
  - Soils
  - Bioimpacts
  - Air releases
  - Reconstruction study

Contamination information should include information on the two major ground water contamination plumes, soil and water contamination in production area (particularly Plant 6), and near the incinerator. The Miami University ecological assessment work showing that August 1988 results indicate on-site ecological stresses and mutagenic effects, the aerosol air release information from Plant 2/3 and the work being done to finalize release estimates. U.S. EPA can give information on the status of the Centers for Disease Control's decision on whether or not to perform any epidemiological studies.

5. Your presentation on the RI/FS program should be moved to the top of the agenda and should include at least 45 minutes to an hour on the program, overview, and results. This presentation should be made to the entire audience before breaking into the classroom sessions.
6. OEPA and U.S. EPA representatives will be available to talk with citizens in a separate classroom if there seems to be interest. No U.S. DOE, Westinghouse, or consultants should be present.
7. The proposed "FMPC Environmental Improvements" session is relevant to environmental compliance and is not directly related to the RI/FS. The agenda is already full with more relevant RI/FS items.
8. The meeting should reconvene as a group after the classroom sessions. Ongoing and future RI/FS activities should be discussed along with information on the location of the public reading rooms and the administrative record. The session should include with a general question and answer session.

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In summary the agenda is as follows:

7:00 - 7:15 Introduction  
7:15 - 8:00 RI/FS Program Results  
8:00 - 9:15 Technical Sessions  
9:15 - End Concluding remarks and questions and answers

It was also suggested to Ray Hanson and Mary Stone that a handout of relevant acronyms be presented to participants. It may also be useful to give the locations and available hours of reading rooms and the administrative record. Meeting attendees should be allowed to place their names on the quarterly newsletter mailing list. Dates of the quarterly RI/FS newsletter and upcoming information meetings should be announced.

This is the first public information meeting since the approval of the RI/FS workplan in May 1988, four meetings should be held in 1989.

Please contact me at (312 or FTS) 886-4436, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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