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NATURAL RESOURCE TRUSTEE WORKSHOP - JUNE 6, 1994

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MEETING NOTES

SUBJECT: Natural Resource Trustee Workshop
MEETING DATE: June 6, 1994
LOCATION: FERMCO Fernald Office
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DISTRIBUTION:	+ Attendees	++ Part-time	* Author of Notes
<u>OEPA</u>		<u>FERMCO</u>	<u>MTC</u>
+Graham Mitchell		+Becky Bixby	Steve Gibson
+Tom Schneider		+John Homer	
+Vanessa Steigerwald		+Steve Geary	<u>Westinghouse Hanford</u>
		*+Jenny Mailander	+Kathy Leonard
<u>DOE-FN</u>		+Mark Jewett	
+Jack Craig		+Steve Oberjohn	<u>HNUS</u>
+Johnny Reising		+Alicia Taylor	+Jim Doenges
+Pete Yerace		+Angie Weisgerber	
		+Eric Woods	<u>USEPA</u>
<u>U.S. F&WS</u>		+Mike Strimbu	Barb Mazur
+Bill Kurey		Ken Alkema	Jim Saric
<u>DOI</u>		<u>DOE-HQ</u>	
Don Henne		+John Hall	

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- Define vehicle to provide future documentation/information to Trustees.
 - Operable Unit 5 Remedial Investigation presentation; this presentation includes discussion of ecological risk assessment.
 - Some of the information contained in the Fernald Citizens' Task Force (FCTF) briefing book would be helpful to the trustees.

Action to be taken:

 - FERMCO will contact trustees to set a date for the presentation in August 1994.
 - FERMCO will identify and make available the information from the FCTF briefing book.
 - Trustees are to call J. Mailander to request any documents.
- Integrate trustee activities and responsibilities into the Operable Unit 5 Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) process.

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- Much of the information the trustees will need regarding natural resources will be contained in the Operable Unit 5 RI and FS documents.
- DOE-Fernald (DOE-FN) would like to avoid the conduct of a Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA).
- Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) expressed concern over whether there was adequate time to have input into the RI/FS process from a natural resource trustee perspective because of the RI/FS report schedule.
- DOE-FN will continue to gather natural resource information as needed, even after the RI/FS is complete.

Action to be taken:

- Supply the Trustees with the OU5 RI/FS documents and other related information.
3. Perform evaluation of conducting a NRDA (i.e., pros and cons):
- How does one define past releases from the site?
 - Trustees need to determine if it would be appropriate to conduct a NRDA? If it would be determined to conduct a NRDA, Trustees need to discuss what a timeline for conducting a NRDA might be.
 - If NRDA is not conducted, how do you quantify potential injury?
 - Should an economist be involved to develop life cycle costs and/or total costs with escalation and overhead, associated with potential natural resource injury? Or life cycle costs and/or total costs with escalation and overhead costs associated with performance of NRDA?
 - How would NRDA or use of an economist be funded?

Action to be taken:

- These topics need to be added to the agenda for a future meeting of the trustees.
4. Involvement of others in the trustee process:
- Public

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- At the April 12, 1994 public workshop on natural resource trusteeship, DOE-Fernald committed to holding future public workshops to keep the public informed of trustee activities.
- Local Stakeholders
- Are there other participants that should be involved?
- J. Mailander met with Professor Applegate, chair of the FCTF to discuss the trustee process.
- Other potential trustees
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE)
- U.S. EPA
- U.S. EPA should be involved and kept informed of trustee activities.

Actions to be taken:

- Future meetings of the trustees will be held off-property so that meetings will be more accessible to the public.
- Trustee meetings will continue to be announced on the FERMCO Public Affairs calendar.
- Further discussion from trustees regarding local stakeholders is required - add to next meeting agenda.
- Continue to keep FCTF advised of trustee status.
- Letters to NOAA and ACOE will be drafted to request if either of these parties should be involved. Letter to NOAA will request NOAA to identify what resources it would be responsible for. Letter to ACOE will request ACOE to identify if they would like to participate in future trustee meetings. Drafts of these letters will be forwarded to the trustees for approval before distribution.
- Invite U.S. EPA to next trustee meeting and DOE-FN is to ensure the new ecological risk representative replacing Eileen Helmer is familiar with the ecological risk assessment.

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5. Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement in Principle:

- An agreement between the trustees would be helpful to ensure the trustees would continue to work together and to determine operating procedures among the trustees.
- Such an agreement would take a considerable amount of time to draft and get approval from each of the trustees.

Action to be taken:

- Request copy and permission to distribute the Hanford site Trustee Strategy referenced by Kathy Leonard.
- Distribute copies of strategy to trustees, if acceptable to K. Leonard.

6. Next meeting:

- Date - *August 1994*
- Location - Former ERA building or Uno or Dos buildings.
- Time - focus meetings to 5-6 hours maximum.
- Telephone calls would be an acceptable alternative to meeting in person; should be made several weeks prior to the next Trustee meeting.

Action to be taken:

- J. Mailander will be contacting the trustees to establish a meeting date and to see if there is interest in setting up a teleconference.

7. Administrative Role:

- FERMCO will act in an administrative role, coordinating meetings, distributing meeting summaries, etc.

Action to be taken:

- A copy of the notebook distributed to trustees will be placed in the Public Environmental Information Center (PEIC) with the names, addressees, and telephone numbers of the trustee representatives.