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The U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) at the Fernald Environmental Management Project (FEMP) announces the availability of the United States Environmental Protection Agency approved Operable Unit 2 Feasibility Study Report/Proposed Plan - Environmental Assessment (FS/PP-EA) within the Administrative Record.

Operable Unit 2 is comprised of a solid waste landfill, lime sludge ponds, flyash piles, and a south field disposal area. The Feasibility Study Report identifies and evaluates a broad range of cleanup options for the final disposition of the waste material from the Operable Unit 2 subunits. The Proposed Plan identifies DOE's preferred alternative and presents the rationale for DOE's preference. In addition, the Proposed Plan describes the other alternatives that were considered in detail within the Feasibility Study Report.

The preferred remedial alternative for Operable Unit 2 is disposal of Operable Unit 2 waste material in an engineered on-site disposal facility. Off-site disposal is planned for the material that exceeds the waste acceptance criteria of the on-site disposal facility.

In accordance with both CERCLA and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) processes, these documents are made available to the public for comment. It is DOE policy to integrate NEPA into the procedural and documentation requirements of CERCLA wherever practical. To this end, the Operable Unit 2 Feasibility Study/Proposed Plan also includes an environmental assessment for Operable Unit 2 and the resulting documentation is termed a Feasibility Study/Proposed Plan - Environmental Assessment.

An Administrative Record file was previously established to support the Operable Unit 2 Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS). The Administrative Record file is a compendium of documentation which is compiled progressively through the RI/FS process. The file contains documentation that will be relied upon in issuing a Record of Decision (ROD) for Operable Unit 2. The ROD will identify the selected cleanup alternative. The Administrative Record also includes other project documentation, such as the most recent Remedial Investigation Report and Feasibility Study Report for Operable Unit 2.

This notice establishes a 30-day public comment period for the Operable Unit 2 Proposed Plan, beginning October 26, 1994 and lasting through November 25, 1994. Written comments will be accepted anytime during this comment period and both oral and written comments will be accepted at a public meeting on November 8, 1994. To encourage public participation, a fact sheet has been developed which provides a review of the risks posed by Operable Unit 2, brief descriptions of the remedial alternatives considered, and a summary of the comparative analysis of alternatives. Copies of the Operable Unit 2 Proposed Plan and the Fact Sheet are available at the Administrative Record:

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Harrison, Ohio 45030
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Monday and Thursday
9 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Written comments or questions about the process should be directed to:

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The following public meeting will be held to discuss the alternatives considered in the document, answer questions, and accept written or oral comments:

The Plantation
Harrison, Ohio
Tuesday November 8, 1994
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm