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The U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) at the Fernald Environmental Management Project (FEMP) announces an extension of the public comment period for the Proposed Plan for Remedial Actions at Operable Unit 2.

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.

The original public comment period is from October 26, 1994 through November 25, 1994. In response to a public request for additional time to review the remedial alternatives in the Operable Unit 2 Proposed Plan, the public comment period is extended to December 30, 1994. Written comments will be accepted anytime during this comment period. Written comments or questions about the process should be directed to

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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, in addition to the entire Administrative Record, are available at the following location:

**Public Environmental Information Center
JAMTEK Building
10845 Hamilton-Cleves Highway
Harrison, Ohio 45030
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