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**FERNALD CITIZENS TASK FORCE - FOLLOW UP MEMO CONCERNING
SUBCOMMITTEES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Task Force Members

FROM: John S. Applegate, Chair 

DATE: December 14, 1994

This memorandum follows up on four items from our last meeting that involve the creation of subcommittees or working groups. I am looking for volunteers to serve on the various groups.

First, I have asked Gene Willeke to chair a subcommittee on Environmental Modeling. Specifically, this subcommittee will re-examine some of the key assumptions that we made about soil washing and uranium solubility in light of the Interim Report. It is possible, given the cheaper clean-up that would create significantly less waste. In view of budget concerns and the problem of disposing of waste, this is well worth exploring in detail. I envision a subcommittee of about five members.

Second, the Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (ATSDR) wants to establish a committee to oversee their preparation of a "health assessment" for the Fernald site, which is an independent evaluation of the health effects of the contamination. As we discussed several months ago, it makes sense for such groups to be affiliated with the Task Force in some way, to avoid duplication and conflict. The ATSDR is happy to proceed in this manner, as long as there is no strong public opposition. The ATSDR committee should also include a healthy number of non-Task Force members, and Connie Fox and Pam Dunn have already expressed interest, so one or two additional members would be more than enough.

Third, in the next month or so I will need to form a delegation to attend the national SSAB meeting in Washington, D.C., tentatively scheduled for February 14 and 15. If more than four or five people are interested in going, I will select a group from individuals (a) who represent a variety of stakeholder interests, and (b) who have not had other opportunities to visit DOE Headquarters or other sites.

If you are interested in one or more of these groups, please let me know in the next couple of weeks. I will be away next week, so you can either call me after Christmas at 556-0114, or call Judy Armstrong at her new phone number, 738-0003. In the meantime, my warmest wishes to you all for the Holidays.