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1. Besides Tuesday night's meeting, have you attended any other community meetings on Fernald?
15 Yes
9 No

2. Was the presentation on the cleanup progress & status of the Operable Units and Removal Actions beneficial?
18 Yes
3 No - wanted to hear about radium; too many acronyms, talked too fast;
1 over my head;
1 missed that part
1 undecided, professionally done, but over some people's heads

3. Due to the recent media and medical association attention on the radium in Fernald's K-65 silos, DOE changed the format of tonight's meeting to address this issue. Do you feel this change in format was a good idea?

Yes - 24; timing was good; what was on everyone's mind; good idea, why people came; didn't notice difference; good idea; because of the publicity, needed to be addressed quickly; was a good idea; too much to absorb on different subjects in one night; yes, very important; no choice but to change it; no choice but to change it considering circumstances, it needed to come out, legitimate concern if material would have opportunity to save it and could be feasible or cost effective; that's the reason I went; good idea; info needed to be brought to public, didn't care for Radel's column; was at that point, because of the controversy; very good idea, heard Fisher on news, neighbors were concerned.

4. Would you be interested in another meeting in 3 or 4 months to further discuss the preempted topics: Task Force Recommendations? and Accelerated Cleanup?

Yes - 19; wanted to hear about cleanup; good idea, husband is subcontractor, lots of people think there is secretive work still going on.

No opinion - 4; in 4-6 months.

No - 1; if just talk and no action, then no.

5. What is your opinion on the information Dr. Fisher presented during his talk?

Informative, but some things were unsure, if it could be helpful, they should have a chance to use it; good and informative, did not like FRESH comments, they dominated too much; not sure, ambivalent; good info, too bad he could not answer in more detail; very informative and necessary; no opinion; informative and encouraging; interesting because of his research background, wanted to know how radium will be recovered, community anxiety because of unanswered questions, will be difficult to accomplish, are there other sources of radium?; I thought very informative, if we can help, we should; in fact, I wanted to speak, felt they took up too much time taken by other concerns, I have a 9-year-old we live in Butler County, three girls in West Chester had cancer in 12 years; I have been working with cancer side effects, hard to detect, specific testing and what radium does for this, couldn't sleep for days, got to be a way to extract and still do clean-up too; good presentation, well explained; should have come forward sooner, he wants to foul up the schedule, I don't care about cure for cancer, Fisher seemed to think some people in audience are ignorant; very involved with FRESH, Fisher did well, but where has he been? agrees with Lisa, concerned about effects on workers of slowing schedule/trying to retrieve radium; worked there 24 years, questions if the cure is real, lots of his friends have cancer, would be wonderful if there is a cure, thought scientists are being secretive; outstanding, should have been done months ago; like most scientists no PR, pretty much done without much splash, it would have been better if there was more communication to investigate what he proposed prior to this point in cleanup program; valuable important, needs to be looked at very seriously, other questions posed that night he could not answer, cost feasibility, if can answer they need to answer; very thorough, addressed all issues very well; well, it was interesting, hope it doesn't delay cleanup; I thought very informative, I appreciated his coming and I felt it would benefit all humanity, I felt if they would find a cure I felt this is more important than meeting guidelines; liked it very much introduction was lacking, informative presentation; understands how long such work takes, FRESH should not have attacked him, felt good about what FERMCO/DOE did in response at the presentation; cleared up a few points re: DOE cleanup vs. research, informative and enlightening; informative, can see his position, thought his interview on news was too optimistic, contradicted some things he said at meeting, glad he came.

6. Was the discussion on the radium too technical for the average person?
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| 5 | Yes |
| 14 | No |
| 3 | Undecided |
| 1 | In part |
| 1 | No answer |

7. Did you request documents or material on the sign-up sheet from the Public Environmental Information Center?

2 Yes

21 No

1 No answer

8. Did you pick up any written handouts? If so, which ones and were they easy to read and understand?

No - 5;

No answer - 1;

Yes- 18, final report; overheads, agenda; time line info (overheads); don't recall which ones; OU4; briefings from Craig, Reising; a lot of white and green pamphlets, I haven't read them yet; ones on table; ones at table; doesn't know which ones; what was on the chairs; ever single one, read half, some are easy; half dozen or so; report, upcoming meeting, yes could understand, easy to read; on slide presentations, very easy to read and understand; didn't bring them home; groundwater.

9. Should time be allotted to U.S. EPA, OEPA, the Fernald Citizens Task Force, and FRESH to speak at the DOE Community Meetings?

20 Yes - except FRESH; FRESH needs to express feelings.

2 No - ladies get carried away; (FRESH).

1 Undecided

1 No answer

10. Did you think there was enough time for questions at the general session?

15 Yes

5 No

2 Undecided

2 No answer

11. Were the answers complete and easy to understand?

19 Yes

1 No

1 No opinion

1 Depended

2 No answer

(If yes, skip to question 13)

12. What answer(s) needed more explanation?

Dr. Fisher's.

13. Overall, do you think it was worth your time to attend the meeting?

22 Yes

0 No

0 Undecided

2 No answer

14. The Community Meeting format differs from other Fernald workshops or smaller public meetings because it covers a wide range of topics and issues, utilizes break-out sessions, and has agency updates. Should DOE continue to hold Community Meetings?

21 Yes

0 No

1 Undecided

2 No answer

15. If yes, how often should Community Meetings be held?

0 Once a year

6 Twice a year

13 Three times a year

2 Quarterly

2 No opinion

2 As appropriate

2 No answer

16. Is there anything else you want to comment on concerning the meeting that was not covered in the survey?

Informative, enjoyed it, glad I went, if radium could be used, they should have the chance; no; no; interested in Dr. Fisher's answers, perhaps they should be part of next meeting; no, informative; no; Reising was excellent, time allotted to individuals was too much, Fisher's answers were good; favorable meeting with favorable outlook if 276 funding comes through, lack of funding probably will prevent radium being saved; no, but they need to continue to have a moderator; I understand the only thing I did not know that he had enough attention or money for his research, education I believe all people need to be aware of this most needed research; Dr. Fisher didn't have a lot of answers, DOE should have to pay for radium retrieval, scientists should get funding themselves; should be follow-up with Dr. Fisher, issues are unresolved, can radium be extracted from vitrified materials; there was a couple questions use of injection wells, the news media should be addressed and issue of radium should be addressed also, regulations state if valuable residue or materials present it must be salvaged; millions of things I will be sending a letter to DOE, got information from handouts; came because of interest in radium, if there are ways to salvage it, that should be brought to light, only criticism was lack of background on Dr. Fisher before his speech; DOE should let right and left hands know what they are doing, too many different agendas will slow down the cleanup, people in charge should be more accountable for money, as if it were their own, has been attending meetings 10 years; instructor in training class at Fernald made a callous remark about a near-miss tornado a few years ago, otherwise, DOE is doing a good job, is keeping public informed.