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COMMUNITY REUSE ORGANIZATION (CRO) FACT SHEET

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FACT SHEET



Community Reuse Organization

Within the next decade, the Fernald site will be downsizing and eventually closing after environmental remediation is complete. Fernald area citizens and employees are forming a new community group to address economic development opportunities following remediation of the Fernald site.

This new community group, the Community Reuse Organization (CRO), will advise the Department of Energy (DOE) on local economic development issues and community planning for the future. Specifically, the CRO will focus on the following issues:

- specific community planning issues;
- economic development and work force issues;
- planning for distribution of Fernald's capital assets.

The CRO's recommendations will build upon the broad land use recommendations provided by the Fernald Citizens Task Force. Last summer, the Task Force recommended to DOE that specific uses of the Fernald property should be determined closer to the actual time of reuse, and by the people most impacted by that use.

CRO MEMBERSHIP

Anyone who is interested in volunteering time and energy to address Fernald economic development issues may apply for membership. The CRO will be a diverse group comprised of local residents; elected officials; representatives from educational, local business and financial institutions; Fernald employees; economic development agencies; the Fernald Citizens Task Force; the Fernald Residents for Environmental, Safety and Health, and other public interest groups.

CRO APPLICATION PROCESS

To ensure the formation process is fair, open and inclusive of all interests, FERMCO -- DOE's contractor for managing Fernald cleanup -- and DOE have contracted with Maria Curro Kreppel to serve as CRO convener. She will meet with the communities and Fernald employees, develop the CRO charter and operating procedures, and ultimately recommend to DOE the CRO's membership and chair. Kreppel is an associate professor at the University of Cincinnati's College of Applied Science. She has served as vice provost for Faculty Affairs, and was visiting dean for Academic and Student Affairs at Chatfield College. She brings experience in forming organizations, with a special focus on organizational communication and dispute resolution.

If you are interested in working with the CRO to affect the economic future of Fernald communities, complete the nomination form on the back of this fact sheet and return it to:

Maria Curro Kreppel
 University of Cincinnati
 College of Applied Science
 Cincinnati, Ohio 45206-0103
 FAX: (513) 556-4599

For more information on the CRO, call Maria Curro Kreppel, (513) 556-4692, or Gary Stegner, DOE Fernald Area Office, (513) 648-3153.

NEXT STEPS

On Tuesday, May 28, DOE will host a public workshop to discuss initiation of the Fernald CRO. The workshop will be at The Plantation in Harrison, Ohio, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

In June, DOE will approve the CRO membership and charter. The first meeting of the CRO will be in early summer.

APPLICATION/NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Fernald Community Reuse Organization

(Circle the appropriate choice.) I apply/nominate _____ for consideration to serve on the Fernald Community Reuse Organization (CRO).

Your Signature: _____

1) My interest in making this application / nomination is based upon: _____

2) I/this nominee would bring the CRO ties to these community constituencies (Please name all possibilities.): _____

3) Among the three charges of the CRO, I/this nominee could contribute to:
 Specific community planning issues;
 Economic development and work force issues;
 Planning for distribution of Fernald's capital assets; or
 Any of these three charges.

4) I/this nominee would bring the following *skills, abilities, and experience* to the CRO: _____

Applicant's OR nominee's:

Home address: _____
Home phone: _____
Work address: _____
Work phone: _____

[If you are nominating] YOUR name: _____ Phone: _____

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