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COMMUNITY REUSE ORGANIZATION (CRO)

PUBLIC WORKSHOP AGENDA

Held at: The Plantation - Magnolia Room  
Tuesday, May 28th, 1996  
7:00 p.m.

Presenters: Gary Stegner, DOE Fernald Area Office  
Debbie Swichkoww, DOE-WT  
Maria Curro Kreppel, Fernald CRO Convener

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3 TUESDAY, MAY 28, 1996

4 7:00 p.m.

5 MR. STEGNER: Okay, let's get this  
6 started, shall we, tonight? Good evening,  
7 everyone. Thank you all for coming. I  
8 appreciate your attendance tonight. My name is  
9 Gary Stegner, I work for public affairs for the  
10 Department of Energy at Fernald. Tonight what  
11 want to do is sort of give you an overview of  
12 the community reuse organization convening  
13 process, where we are in the process, what CRO  
14 is, how we envision it functioning. We will  
15 give that to you from a couple different  
16 perspectives.

17 I suppose ultimately what we are here  
18 tonight to do is basically to solicit your  
19 input, and hopefully, if you are willing to  
20 participate in this process, this will be  
21 probably, as far as the public involvement,  
22 probably from now until the finish of the  
23 clean-up this is what we'll be doing. This  
24 group will point upon some of the successes and  
25 recommendations made by the Fernald Citizens

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1 Task Force chaired by John Applegate. John -- I  
2 saw him here tonight-- are you in attendance?  
3 There he is.

4 The only ground rule we will have tonight  
5 is that we try to stay on the subject of the  
6 Community Reuse Organization and the economic  
7 development in general. We will be available  
8 during the break, if you want to talk about any  
9 other aspects of the cleanup, The Cincinnati  
10 Enquirer and other stuff. We're here to get a  
11 feel for questions.

12 Tonight we have an all star cast lineup  
13 for you. We have Debbie Swichkow, who works in  
14 the Office of Worker and Community Transition,  
15 and she will be here to give you headquarters'  
16 perspective on the Community Reuse Organization  
17 and where they are in the process. And most of  
18 the evening will be turned over to Maria  
19 Kreppel, our convener of the Fernald Community  
20 Reuse Organization. Let's have the next slide,  
21 Julie.

22 I want to go through a few things here  
23 very quickly. I am not going to read these  
24 slides to you, obviously you guys can read them  
25 yourselves, but basically what is a community

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1 reuse organization? They're not unique to  
2 Fernald. Most DOE sites either have them or are  
3 in the process of developing community reuse  
4 organizations. Basically what they are is a  
5 task force for offsetting the loss that will  
6 result from Fernald completing its cleanup.

7 There is a foreseeable end to the cleanup  
8 at Fernald. We are now on an accelerated  
9 cleanup schedule. If everything falls into  
10 place like we have anticipated, 10 years more or  
11 less is what we're looking at, so it's not going  
12 to be here forever. We need to take steps to  
13 offset job losses. And you see also the  
14 authorization to form the Community Use  
15 Organization.

16 Can you put the next one up there, please,  
17 Julie? This is basically what we envision the  
18 CRO is doing, again advisements of government  
19 agents basically overseeing the community  
20 transition efforts. You will also, we will ask  
21 you to recommend land use for the 1,050 acres we  
22 have at the site. Not all of that will be  
23 subject to your purview but a good bit of it  
24 will. We will ask you to basically play within  
25 the parameters established by the Citizens Task

1 Force, which are very broad parameters by the  
2 way. The only thing you will not consider is  
3 the residential use or high intensity  
4 agricultural use for the site. We also advise  
5 the disposition of excess property use and  
6 membership. We are looking for a diverse mix  
7 obviously. First you will see -- we have  
8 discussed the Ross Merchants Association which  
9 is sort of a chamber, it's sort of a regional  
10 Chamber of Commerce and includes Crosby, Morgan  
11 and Ross Townships, those three townships which  
12 border the Fernald property.

13 We will get economic plan professionals  
14 involved, Fernald employees, including the labor  
15 unions, local elected officials, educators from  
16 the local school districts here. Also a  
17 representative from the Fernald Citizens Task  
18 Force will be here among the group.

19 Go to the next one, Julie.

20 Moving right along --

21 MS. YOKUM: Gary, may I ask you a  
22 question? Why isn't there an area for residents  
23 only? Because I mean Fernald task force, they  
24 started having --

25 MR. STEGNER: There will be residents on

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1 there. These people will be residents of the  
2 local area and of course Maria solicited local  
3 residents. This is not totally inclusive. It's  
4 just again, this is representative of people we  
5 are looking at. It's not inclusive. We have  
6 had a good response so far.

7 To give us sort of a frame of reference on  
8 where we've been, where we are, where we're  
9 going with this thing, this is sort of a  
10 chronology of events that this transpired. Tom  
11 Rankin was the first person who proposed us  
12 about the Community Reuse Organization or  
13 formalizing a Community Reuse Organization. It  
14 was decided that the process we'd use for  
15 convening for Fernald's Citizens Task Force  
16 worked so well we might as well not reinvent  
17 anything. We decided to use the same. And so  
18 Maria Kreppel was hired and she was solicited  
19 through the Ohio University. Basically Maria's  
20 charge is to recommend members of the Community  
21 Reuse Organization, recommend a chairperson for  
22 it and recommend the operating procedures for  
23 the organization.

24 Since Maria has been retained she has been  
25 meeting regularly with different groups,

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1 different individuals who may potentially be  
2 members of the CRO who will recommend members of  
3 the CRO. We worked to publicize the process  
4 through mailings, advertisements. We had a  
5 statement of work for developing technical  
6 support very similar to how we are supporting  
7 the Citizens Task Force, retaining qualified  
8 consultants, if you will, to serve as staff for  
9 it, for the CRO. And of course right now there  
10 is a workshop. And where do we go from here?  
11 We will support the CRO and may start the  
12 grant. We will work with the staff of the Ohio  
13 field office, with the staff of headquarters.

14 The next, I guess, major step as far as we  
15 are all concerned here is, Maria will give to  
16 DOE her recommendations. As I mentioned before  
17 the membership chart of procedures, and we  
18 should have those in hand sometime next month.  
19 Hopefully we will be able to meet in July or  
20 August of this year, and shortly after the first  
21 meeting one of the things the group would want  
22 to consider is supporting that group, very  
23 similar to what the task force did.

24 What is our role going to be in this whole  
25 thing? We pledged to have open access to the

1 Community Reuse Organization. If you are not  
2 selected to be on the CRO and you still have an  
3 active vital interest in development or reuse of  
4 a site or basically, local economy please come  
5 to meetings. They will be open to the public.  
6 We pledge that. We also pledge to communicate  
7 to you the proceedings of the meetings. We will  
8 put forth the progress to the Fernald report,  
9 our monthly Fernald report. Also we will report  
10 to you person to person through the township  
11 trustee meetings any community influence. We  
12 will pledge and report to you on the progress,  
13 where we are going with the CRO.

14 Again we will provide support any way we  
15 can on this. It's not something that's an  
16 ongoing conclusion. There will be grant money  
17 available every year. We will support it as  
18 best we can. And the recommendations arrived at  
19 by the CRO, very much like we responded to the  
20 recommendations of the Citizens Task Force. We  
21 will respond to that. So am I forgetting  
22 anything? At this point I don't think so.

23 What I want to do now is turn the  
24 microphone over to Debbie Swichkow. She is with  
25 the DOE headquarters. She has worked with a

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1 number of community reuse organizations, getting  
2 them started and nurturing them along, so if you  
3 would all be interested in hearing what Debbie  
4 has to say.

5 Debbie.

6 MS. SWICKOW: First of all, I would  
7 like to congratulate all of you in moving  
8 forward so quickly in establishing yourselves.  
9 I have to say I have only been with the program  
10 about a year and a half. I have only been with  
11 the Department of Energy for about a year and a  
12 half, but you learn very quickly. Working  
13 within the Department you are able to see how  
14 folks, what they learn from other people, how  
15 well they work together. And I have to say this  
16 is probably a situation, a case where you are  
17 all working together for a common goal because  
18 the economy involved in this is really  
19 incredible. In most cases this sort of  
20 coordination and cooperation takes much longer,  
21 so I would like to say welcome, and you have  
22 joined the ranks of some nine other community  
23 reuse organizations that are working with DOE  
24 towards trying to minimize the impacts of the  
25 Departments downsizing, restructuring

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1 activities.

2           What I'm going to do is very quickly go  
3 through some of the background. Before I do I  
4 also wanted to say that over the past nine  
5 months in the Office of Work and Community  
6 Transition we have been aware of the fact that  
7 some of our stakeholders meetings, we had the  
8 last one in March, and there was a lot of talk  
9 about the fact that the Department was not  
10 providing it's stakeholders, it's community  
11 reuse organizations, with enough guidance.  
12 There has been guidance out there on the  
13 street. The last one was published quickly,  
14 very quickly, when the Department began it's  
15 restructuring activities in 1993, but the first  
16 guidance actually wasn't called guidance, they  
17 were called guidelines. That was published in  
18 August of 1994. It just didn't have enough  
19 material in it to really let people know the  
20 Department knew what it was doing, that we  
21 really wanted to give the CRO and other  
22 stakeholders' directions to follow as we go  
23 about the business of trying to rebuild and  
24 revitalize the communities, so this is just to  
25 let you know that we are issuing revised

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1 preliminary, and I am emphasizing, preliminary  
2 guidance right now. And in it there will be  
3 evaluation criteria; in other words, the kind of  
4 things that when you submit your proposals you  
5 will really want to be taking a close look at to  
6 make sure you satisfied those criteria. There  
7 will be some requirements dealing with financial  
8 recording. There will be -- most importantly,  
9 there will be some performance measures to make  
10 sure that we are in fact hitting our target.  
11 Right now I can say this is the best times for  
12 you because you have a lot of this material at  
13 your fingertips and you will have more of it at  
14 your fingertips, but I also have to say, for our  
15 office this is the worst of times because we are  
16 being scrutinized by the general accounting  
17 office in terms of making sure that we are  
18 getting bang for our buck, to make sure that we  
19 are getting a good return on our investments.  
20 So as you go about the business of putting your  
21 proposals, submitting your proposals, please  
22 keep in mind that these things have to be  
23 measured against some -- we need some measure of  
24 success to make sure that the projects, the  
25 activities that are being funded will in fact

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1 give us some real strong, positive results:  
2 jobs created, businesses created, other spin-off  
3 activities. Those are the kind of quantitative  
4 and qualitative things that we're looking for in  
5 terms of proposals.

6 So we will be publishing a guidance in the  
7 Federal Register, probably in July if everybody  
8 does their job in our office.

9 I think you are all familiar, most of you  
10 are familiar with our background. The program  
11 was created by Section 3161 of the National  
12 Defense Authorization Act. I am not going to  
13 read all this, you can read it yourself. But by  
14 law we are required whenever there is any kind  
15 of restructuring in a defense facility, there is  
16 a change in the work force, we are required by  
17 law to issue a work force restructuring plan.  
18 And the section also requires that the secretary  
19 provide assistance, local impact assistance to  
20 those communities that are affected by those  
21 changes in the work force. You can see the  
22 numbers there.

23 Since '93 the Department has provided  
24 almost \$138,000,000 to communities in this  
25 category, and we hope again in FY-'96 to provide

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1 another 40 million for community transition.  
2 That's a lot of money, and you can understand  
3 why people look at it very, very carefully,  
4 because they want to know where that money  
5 went. You see the number of jobs. The  
6 assistance has resulted in approximately 4,100  
7 newly attained jobs and about 329 newly expanded  
8 businesses, and we have projections in there, we  
9 hope we are right. I just left a meeting on  
10 Friday where these kind of figures are really  
11 being picked apart, so we're watching it.  
12 That's why this guidance is a lot more  
13 directive, and I think in that way it gives  
14 everybody more accountability over how they  
15 spend their funds.

16 It's a local process. The Department of  
17 Energy does not want to tell you what you need.  
18 That's something that you need to determine  
19 yourselves. We are here to help with direction  
20 but we are not here to dictate to you where your  
21 needs should be in the community. It's public.

22 Obviously you are all here, you want  
23 everybody involved in the process. And it  
24 sounds corny, the next bullet sounds a little  
25 corny but it happens to be true, that people are

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1 the most important elements of this process, and  
2 we want to continue to do that. I know you're  
3 interested in funding, what happens, am I  
4 right? How do you get the bucks? This again is  
5 in our guidance.

6 And I hate to keep referring to it but --  
7 and I'm sorry I didn't give it out to you --  
8 there are several different forms of grants.  
9 One is a start-up grant, the other is a planning  
10 grant and the third is an implementation grant.

11 Before we do that, of course officially  
12 you folks have to come together and identify  
13 yourselves as a community reuse organization. I  
14 think it's self-explanatory. Speak with one  
15 voice. This CRO will become, for the  
16 Department, the single voice for the community.  
17 This will be the recognized group for this  
18 community. Include as many different interests  
19 as you possibly can. Make sure you coordinate  
20 with other economic development organizations to  
21 make sure you are not overlapping with them.  
22 Again I want to emphasis this: You must  
23 coordinate very closely with your DOE site and  
24 DOE area on this.

25 I can see here you have a very congenial

1 relationship with DOE folks. Here again, that's  
2 not always the case, so consider yourselves very  
3 fortunate on both sides here that you get along  
4 as well as you do. There are a lot of horror  
5 stories, obviously, I won't go into.

6 MS. CRAWFORD: We have heard them.

7 MS. SWICKOW: I'm sure you have. I  
8 think what the Community Reuse Organization  
9 forces folks to do is to cross lines, and if  
10 there were ever lines arbitrarily drawn in the  
11 sand the Community Reuse Organization mashes it,  
12 so there is no longer a line. Everybody sort of  
13 comes together to try to achieve a common goal.

14 What you also have at your disposal is a  
15 model. You will have at your disposal a model  
16 that we have sort of highlighted the items of  
17 Community Reuse Organization, and they put  
18 together from soup to nuts everything a CRO  
19 needs to do, and they use that as a pilot for  
20 other Community Reuse Organizations to use if  
21 they want to. This would save you a lot of time  
22 in pulling together the kinds of materials that  
23 you need to get your grant.

24 The first type, I mentioned it, the first  
25 type of grant is the start-up grant. You can

1 see the amount of money, it typically covers  
2 about \$100,000 over two years. I also want to  
3 say that this program is a not an entitlement  
4 program, i.e., you don't automatically get  
5 money. If there is a need and it's demonstrated  
6 as a need, it's reviewed. It is not an  
7 entitlement program. The other thing is that we  
8 fully expect CRO's to wean themselves away from  
9 the Department of Energy; that is, we should be  
10 looking for ways of becoming self-sustaining and  
11 looking for other sources of funding above and  
12 beyond the Department of Energy. We are trying  
13 to think of some enticing ways to develop that  
14 into incentive. I wish I could say you get a  
15 tax break, but that's not the case. If anybody  
16 could think of anything to work as an incentive,  
17 you let me know.

18 There is a source book of different state  
19 and Federal programs that in the future might  
20 improve that kind of assistance, but again, two  
21 things. It's not an entitlement program. And  
22 the second thing is, look for other sources  
23 above and beyond the Department of Energy  
24 because this money will not be here forever. It  
25 won't, no matter who is elected president, this

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1 will not be here forever. The second is the  
2 developing of a community transition plan. The  
3 Idaho pilot will give you a real good feel for  
4 the kinds of things that are included in the  
5 transition plan.

6 The second bullet, identifies strengths,  
7 weaknesses, opportunities and threats. A major  
8 piece because that really sets up the position  
9 of your community in terms of what it needs, and  
10 that's probably the strongest piece of this.  
11 There is also a portion of the community  
12 transition plan where you have to prioritize  
13 your projects. We need to know what is most  
14 critical, what is next critical, and so on.

15 The third is the -- actually is the  
16 implementation grant, and you can see the amount  
17 of money that usually funds those kinds of  
18 projects.

19 Now we come to my favorite part, how plans  
20 are approved. Before this time it was sort of a  
21 hodge-podge. Community reuse organizations used  
22 to think they had an -- if they had a personal  
23 relationship with somebody in our office the  
24 community reuse organization would go right  
25 directly to that person and say, hey, look, we

1 have this great proposal, and they would bypass  
2 the DOE field area office. It will not happen  
3 any more. They must go through the field area  
4 office, they will not come directly to our  
5 office. They will not be looked at. I will  
6 turn them over. They won't go anywhere. So as  
7 bureaucratic as it sounds there is a hierarchy.  
8 I'm sorry, but that's the only way we know  
9 what's going on. And you really do need to work  
10 with your field people, they are your linkages.

11 And I just want to go through, once they  
12 are approved and submitted to the CRO  
13 development and submitted the plan to the DOE  
14 field organization, it's reviewed by the field  
15 in our office, assuming the field says they  
16 endorse it, this looks like one hell of a plan,  
17 they will send us something like that in  
18 writing. We look at it. We have also added a  
19 component of a quality assurance kind of thing  
20 with a peer review. The peer review is  
21 something brand new, and that is a group made up  
22 of several community reuse organization  
23 representatives and several field office, DOE  
24 field office representatives, and we have --  
25 this is brand new, we haven't had our first

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1 official review with the review board yet --  
2 pending approval of this guidance but what these  
3 folks will do is sit down and look at proposals  
4 that are submitted and write them, what they  
5 think. And they obviously will not be ranking  
6 their own, but they will take a look at them and  
7 say, based on a certain criteria, we think this  
8 is a great one, this is number one, number two,  
9 number three, number four. They won't allocate  
10 the money, they will have nothing to do with the  
11 financial allocations, but they will give our  
12 office a recommendation of which ones they think  
13 look good, better, best.

14 And in addition there will be some  
15 technical assistance that will be provided by  
16 the Department of Commerce, Economic Development  
17 Administration, who will also be reviewing the  
18 proposals for similar kinds of things. And then  
19 if that isn't enough, we have -- we will be able  
20 to provide, the CRO's will be able to provide  
21 you with technical assistance by an independent  
22 economic consultant to make sure that everything  
23 is in order. We don't want any time wasted, we  
24 don't want to spin wheels. We don't want to say  
25 to you, bring me a rock, we don't like this rock

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1 bring me another one. We want up front, we want  
2 you to know what is expected and what we want  
3 this thing to look like.

4 Once everything has been approved, then  
5 funds are sent to the field organizations with  
6 an approval letter, and then the financial  
7 documents are prepared and the money is shifted  
8 and so on and so on. But we also expect  
9 feedback on performance, and that's where the  
10 performance measures kick in.

11 And this is just to give you an idea, it's  
12 self-explanatory. By the way, if you would like  
13 to know some of the criteria I can read it. I  
14 can just give you an idea of the kinds of things  
15 that we will be looking at here, and it might  
16 not be such a bad idea. One is, and this is in  
17 order of importance, projected job creation.  
18 Projected job creation for workers affected by  
19 downsizing. The viability of the project to  
20 induce investment and growth and production of  
21 goods and services which the community may have  
22 or may be able to develop a comparative economic  
23 advantage. There aren't very many of these.  
24 Ability to reduce the regions dependence on the  
25 Department. Consistency would be identified as

1 strengths of the region, past performance of the  
2 applicant. Obviously you have no past  
3 performance, so I guess that's good. Amount of  
4 local participation in the project, either  
5 financially or in terms of coordinating  
6 services. Demonstrated cooperation with  
7 regional and state economic development  
8 efforts. The ability for the project to be  
9 self-sufficient. Linkage of products to site  
10 cost deductions to transfer site equipment to  
11 facilities or technologies. And other factors  
12 such as innovative features of the proposal.  
13 That one was sort of a catch-all.

14 But that's just to give you an idea.  
15 Again in the area of programs and evaluation we  
16 are going to be looking to make sure that your  
17 activity ties back to your plan. Sometimes we  
18 go up to -- we go up to \$5,000,000 in a given  
19 year. Don't count on that in the long-term  
20 future, however, five has been a real magic  
21 number.

22 We talked about it not being an  
23 entitlement program. All sites do not receive  
24 funds every year. The bottom is real important,  
25 focus is on concrete results and rewarding

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1           successful past performance. And the kind of  
2           thing that DOE has invested includes some of  
3           these technical assistance and loan funds intent  
4           present, that was really where we started the  
5           transfer of technologies when all the  
6           restructuring first happened. The Rocky Flats  
7           was one of them, Mound was another one and  
8           Canalis was the other. Those were the first  
9           three sites that got involved.

10           Every site is different in terms of what  
11           you can do. What is right for one area may not  
12           be right for another area. There are some  
13           locations that are not close to metropolitan  
14           areas and they want to be the neck Silicone  
15           Valley. That will not happen, it just won't  
16           happen. And just because you have the money  
17           doesn't mean people are going to flock to your  
18           community, so I think you have to be realistic  
19           in terms of what the local community can really  
20           support. These are some of the other things the  
21           Department has invested in.

22           We have just signed a memorandum of  
23           understanding. Actually, it's not a memorandum  
24           of understanding, it's an inner-agency agreement  
25           within the Department of Commerce to help

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1 support infrastructure projects. And the past  
2 department didn't do that, we didn't have the  
3 staff or the expertise. But we are about to  
4 coordinate with the Department of Commerce in  
5 the 3161, and we are off and running with it.

6 The State of South Carolina, two property  
7 sales Pinales (sic.) And Oxnurd (sic.), we're  
8 also close to something big in Mounds, so  
9 things are happening. Obviously they are not  
10 happening fast enough for several folks in  
11 Washington, but they are happening.

12 I think that's probably all the slides in  
13 terms of a quick synopsis of the kinds of things  
14 we're doing. We are going to hold the  
15 questions; is that right?

16 MR. STEGNER: Yes.

17 MS. SWICKOW: Okay. Thank you.

18 MR. STEGNER: Thank you, Debbie. What  
19 we will do, we will kind of leave it up to you,  
20 if you want to take a break tonight we have one  
21 here scheduled. We'll kind of see how things  
22 are going. If we're on a role we can keep right  
23 on going, maybe leave 10 minutes early tonight.  
24 Well, obviously about the last half of the  
25 agenda is devoted to questions and answers and

1 basically us listening to your input. And the  
2 person that will be leading the discussion is  
3 next up tonight, and that is Maria Kreppel, our  
4 convener.

5 Maria.

6 MS. KREPPEL: I have met a number of you  
7 since I have been hanging out among the Fernald  
8 community for the last three months. I looked  
9 forward, when we take an informal break, to meet  
10 the other number of you with whom I have spoken  
11 by phone saying hello, I am that person. I have  
12 seen lots of your names on the signup sheets, so  
13 I hope before the evening is over we can  
14 actually say a personal hello. In the months  
15 that I have learned something, enough to be  
16 dangerous, I would say about the Fernald  
17 community, I would have to say first to you this  
18 evening a heartfelt thank you. I have worked  
19 with a number of communities on a number of  
20 community issues, and I want to say to everybody  
21 in this room and a number of others who are not  
22 with us this evening, thank you for accepting  
23 me, for speaking with me about your community  
24 issues, and for listening to information about  
25 this new opportunity. I think that your

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1 graciousness to the outsider is of help.

2 I want to tell you about a piece of  
3 academic literature called Bowling Alone that I  
4 would like you to think about, only really for  
5 the image that it connotes. This gentleman  
6 named Robert Putnam, who lives in Harvard, who  
7 works in international affairs there published  
8 an article not too long ago titled Bowling  
9 Alone. What he did was review a lot of data, of  
10 course, and concluded such things as, in the  
11 United States over the past 20 years or so,  
12 actually all the way back to 1950, so sort of  
13 the post World War II era, he concludes over and  
14 over again that data shows certain trends of  
15 social behavior over the second half of this  
16 century that he calls noteworthy and the title  
17 comes from the data set that demonstrates that  
18 while the numbers of bowlers has increased --  
19 this surprises me because I remember my father  
20 going out to bowl at 11:00 p.m. every Thursday  
21 night but I didn't notice that people were  
22 picking up behind him in that behavior pattern.  
23 The number of bowlers has increased. The number  
24 of bowling teams has plummeted, thus the title,  
25 Bowling Alone. And the thesis that what he

1 observes happening over the second half of this  
2 century is Americans choosing over and over and  
3 over again to spend their time alone. It's not  
4 the activity of bowling that dissipates, it's  
5 the team activity of bowling that dissipates.

6 Well, I would observe for you first of all  
7 that my newcomer image of your communities as I  
8 have met them through you is that your behavior  
9 defies Dr. Putnam's theories about what is going  
10 on in the second half of the 20th Century. All  
11 you have to do is walk into this room to see  
12 that, or walk in any one of the buildings that  
13 you use in the evenings to come together as a  
14 community in any number of ways. However, I  
15 thought about you and Bowling Alone last  
16 Saturday evening when I took my 81-year-old  
17 father to the May festival, that is the May time  
18 series of concerts at Music Hall that are choral  
19 concerts. My father can't hear much any more  
20 but he still loves singing, so at the end of the  
21 last of the May festival concerts the procedure  
22 -- I don't know how old this ritual is but the  
23 procedure at the end of the last of the series  
24 each year is for the entire assembled group to  
25 sing. You receive your copy of the sheet music,

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1 you received that copy as you enter that  
2 evening. And so the end of the concert came,  
3 and I had done this before but I didn't realize  
4 I had never taken my father with me to the last  
5 May festival concert. He was exhausted by that  
6 time. But after all the applause the singing  
7 began, and right around me we had all four  
8 voices fully represented, and my father sang his  
9 loudest in any part he could remember. And as I  
10 listened to -- what does Music Hall seat, well  
11 over 3,000 and it was almost filled to capacity  
12 -- as I listened to the sound that came from  
13 this group, I had to think about Bowling Alone  
14 and tonight's event. I think I would take the  
15 next step with Putnam's analogy and observe with  
16 you that what I see happening in the Fernald  
17 community is a lot of bowling together, but in  
18 your own lane. And what happened at Music Hall  
19 Saturday in what could be a great cacophony, but  
20 if you have enough people singing, it sounds  
21 good no matter what. What is the antithesis of  
22 the Bowling Alone notion? It was no longer just  
23 a May festival chorus or the soloists and the  
24 conductor turned around to conduct everybody and  
25 I don't think anybody was watching. They were

1 all looking at their sheet music. If anybody  
2 was watching they were trying to find their  
3 part, but in that particular room at that moment  
4 we defied the notion of Bowling Alone. And you  
5 will have that sort of experience where as  
6 you're leaving, the older lady to my left was  
7 just thrilled at what she heard all around her,  
8 she had trouble leaving that row she was so  
9 infirm, but she had a wonderful time. So did  
10 the children. And no one in that group of more  
11 than 3,000 left feeling that they couldn't sing.

12 That's the message I would like you to  
13 remember, first of all, that one theorists view  
14 of what is happening in this country at the end  
15 of this century, and secondly, about this  
16 opportunity. I have the fun job. I get to come  
17 in at the beginning of the journey, rev  
18 everybody up, watch the ship, then I get to go  
19 back home. So I would like you to remember the  
20 image of bowling, not just in your own lanes,  
21 but reaching across those lanes to see what we  
22 can create if we merge the teams.

23 The CRO represents that possibility for  
24 me. This evening is the evening set aside to  
25 hear from you. You've heard the national

1 picture, if you will. The local picture for me  
2 is that over the next couple of weeks I will be  
3 making a list of nominees available to the  
4 Department of Energy for their approval and will  
5 be finalizing the composition of this  
6 committee. I am still very much interested in  
7 collecting your applications and they're in the  
8 back, if I haven't respond with you  
9 individually. Yes, we already have more names  
10 than we can seat on any kind of community reuse  
11 organization. No, I don't have a magic number  
12 in my mind, it won't be 18 or 2, it won't be 35  
13 for sure. Yes, we will try to find people who  
14 can wear several hats.

15 The question about just normal, this is an  
16 interesting one, in that regard I haven't met  
17 just a resident yet. There may be a few out  
18 there, but the people I have met so far have all  
19 been very much engaged in a number of  
20 initiatives. The expertise and skill will come  
21 to the CRO table is the expertise and skill that  
22 comes from living in these communities and being  
23 aware of the issues and participating in the  
24 issues as they affect your lives. So we are  
25 still looking for people who are interested in

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1 joining this committee. The first terms will be  
2 a couple, three years. There shouldn't be  
3 turnover. I agree with Gary. As I can tell  
4 from what I have learned about the CRO's, and  
5 their general shape, that what this CRO does  
6 over the next 10, 12, 15 years will be  
7 incredibly important to the future of these  
8 communities. So I would like to you think about  
9 how you might like to be involved. I am  
10 thinking beyond the naming of the initial set of  
11 folks on the committee. I am interested in  
12 charter provisions to make it real clear to the  
13 members of the CRO and the chair that a  
14 structural organization of task forces and  
15 subcommittees might be a reasonable thing to do.

16 You have seen all the information about  
17 this CRO there are three pretty clearly laid out  
18 charges as we begin. They are working on  
19 economic development and work force issues,  
20 working on specific land use recommendations,  
21 which was in the general recommendations set out  
22 for task force, and thirdly, taking a look at  
23 the issue of disposition of resources and  
24 facility equipment at the Fernald site.

25 You will see on the application form a

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1 question that asks you think about which of  
2 those three, maybe all of those three, you would  
3 appreciate working on. Because these  
4 communities don't have an obvious Geopolitical  
5 corp. there is no economic development office  
6 that can just run with the CRO, at least I don't  
7 think so, and I can't imagine a productive  
8 future for the CRO -- by that I mean a  
9 productive future for the residents of these  
10 communities -- I can't imagine a productive  
11 future that will not demand regional cooperation  
12 and planning. I may be wrong but I can't  
13 imagine that.

14 So this CRO may be -- may be a first step  
15 at bowling across lanes to use the downsizing of  
16 the Fernald site, to use the assistance of the  
17 office that Debbie represents are all good game  
18 points, but I think the key challenge will be  
19 what the citizens make of the CRO. No matter  
20 how the wind blows. The one thing you can be  
21 sure of long after I am gone is that the  
22 communities will still be experiencing rampant  
23 and rapid change, that no one's agenda will stay  
24 clear for very long and there will be all kinds  
25 of new challenges down the road. It just seems

1 to me that's the one thing you can count on for  
2 something like a community reuse organization.  
3 So we are watching a ship here in waters that we  
4 can't chart, and we don't have one of those  
5 working with engineers anchoring each other, one  
6 yells at the other one, damn it what you are  
7 really telling me is that you want a map. All I  
8 can give you is a compass, and I suspect that  
9 that particular way of looking at the world  
10 might bear some relationship to what we want to  
11 achieve with the CRO. We have a compass here  
12 and we are looking for some people who will be  
13 developing courses to follow. While we take an  
14 informal break, in order to begin to hear from  
15 you, and only as a starting point. Julie, can  
16 we pass those along the table? What I am about  
17 to describe is a not a framework, but starting  
18 point. I have listed some prompts of questions,  
19 the beginning of some statements and would ask  
20 you to record what you're thinking about, in  
21 addition to the rain storm, what you're thinking  
22 about so far this evening. And actually on this  
23 green sheet it's easy to tell the front side  
24 from the back, there are four bullets on the  
25 front side and there are three on the back side;

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1 in the next few minutes if you would fill in  
2 what you like, what strikes you as relevant to  
3 what you're thinking. But hold on the last two  
4 bullets on the back side of this page, I would  
5 like you to do those as we close off this  
6 evening. The two that I am referring to are the  
7 one that says five years from now, I think the  
8 Fernald CRO would have been a real success if,  
9 and the final one is, I would also like to say.  
10 Do not fill in those two until we get some  
11 exchange around questions and ideas perhaps  
12 prompted by letters on the front of this page,  
13 perhaps prompted by questions you want to raise  
14 with Debbie, but please, begin to record what  
15 you would like to say back to us as we take a  
16 break for maybe 10 minutes, is that all right?

17 Okay. Any questions? Is that 10-minute  
18 break okay with everyone? Thank you. We will  
19 reconvene at 8:10.

20 (Short recess.)

21 MS. KREPPEL: What I would like to do is  
22 invite you to share some of what you have  
23 written, not all, but if there is something on  
24 that sheet of paper that you have recorded that  
25 you don't mind sharing with the folks at your

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1 table, let's spend just a few minutes getting a  
2 table conversation together. I don't know  
3 whether the tables are identified by lanes or  
4 not, actually in a couple of cases I can tell,  
5 but that doesn't matter, if you would just have  
6 small group conversations for a minute,  
7 everybody exchange at least one comment on that  
8 sheet of paper so we can begin to get a sense of  
9 what the tables are thinking. If you are at a  
10 very small table, just join another one.

11 Okay, thank you.

12 What I would like to do is have you call  
13 out a response, and we will use some peer  
14 pressure here. If you know you have heard a  
15 good response to one of these items that you  
16 were sharing information at your table, then  
17 make that person share it with the whole group.  
18 I would like the Fernald communities to, what is  
19 on your wish list?

20 COMMENTER NO. 1: Think of the big  
21 picture.

22 MS. KREPPEL: Does anybody want to  
23 quarrel with the fact that I used a plural in  
24 Fernald's Communities?

25 MS. CRAWFORD: No.

1 MS. KREPPEL: Anybody else want to add  
2 something?

3 I would like the Fernald communities to --

4 COMMENTER NO. 2: I would like the  
5 communities to have real insight for the large  
6 job it's going to be for this. I would really  
7 like for them to realize what a major task this  
8 is going to be.

9 MS. KREPPEL: To appreciate the job  
10 that's ahead? Do you mean the cleanup itself or  
11 the CRO?

12 COMMENTER NO. 2: I would like the CRO  
13 people to realize, everyone to realize what a  
14 big job it's going to be.

15 MS. KREPPEL: Thank you.

16 Anybody else?

17 I'm glad to be part of these communities  
18 because -- No one has a reason?

19 MS. CRAWFORD: This is our home and we  
20 really like it here.

21 COMMENTER NO. 3: I'd like to be part of  
22 it because it will help on this Hamilton County  
23 WHCCP plan, western Hamilton County  
24 collaborative plan.

25 MS. KREPPEL: And I am going to ask you

1 in a minute to tell us about that.

2 Anything else?

3 I heard we like it as it is now.

4 COMMENTER NO. 4: It's rural. That's  
5 why I moved down here because it was rural.

6 MS. CRAWFORD: My husband's family has  
7 been here for years and years and years, there's  
8 a very long family history in this area.

9 MS. KREPPEL: I live in a community  
10 called Pleasant Ridge, a Cincinnati  
11 neighborhood, where you are not identified as an  
12 owner in a home until you have left it. That's  
13 a long tradition. You are always living in  
14 someone else's home. If you live there for 50  
15 years, then they may name it after you.

16 Okay. I am afraid that --

17 COMMENTER NO. 5: The communities have  
18 different issues.

19 MS. KREPPEL: I'm sure they do. Someone  
20 else.

21 COMMENTER NO. 6: Am I the government, I  
22 am here to help you.

23 MS. KREPPEL: He is afraid of, quote,  
24 I'm the government and I'm here to help you.

25 Anyone else.

1 MS. CRAWFORD: Well, I am going to say  
2 it because I always say what I think anyway, I  
3 mean -- I'm going to try to say it very nicely.  
4 I am real afraid that certain folks or certain  
5 issues or certain special interests is going to  
6 dominate the CRO and I think a lot of folks in  
7 my organization are feeling that way.

8 MS. KREPPEL: I thought I heard you say  
9 issues, yes.

10 MS. CRAWFORD: Interests and issues.

11 MS. KREPPEL: Anything else?

12 The most important issue we face is --

13 MS. CRAWFORD: To clean up sites and  
14 money to make sure that it is clean.

15 MS. KREPPEL: The money. The most  
16 important issue we face is --

17 MS. CRAWFORD: Can I keep going?

18 MS. KREPPEL: Sure.

19 MS. CRAWFORD: A healthy and safe  
20 community and a healthy and safe environment.

21 MS. KREPPEL: Any other key issues?

22 COMMENTER NO. 7: The idea of keeping  
23 the regional issues before individual issues is  
24 the key thing. Then again, when you define a  
25 region too broadly, we are not going to serve

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1 the needs of this community.

2 MS. KREPPEL: Let's make it 2, keeping  
3 regional issues primary.

4 Second, defining a region. Anything else.

5 COMMENTER NO. 8: Fair future use.

6 MS. KREPPEL: Could you help me with  
7 some example of what you're thinking of when you  
8 say future use.

9 COMMENTER NO. 8: That's based on some  
10 of the goals and objectives I have seen for the  
11 organization based on what I have seen earlier.  
12 That's what caused me to think of this. Future  
13 use of the sites is what I was thinking about  
14 there.

15 MS. KREPPEL: Okay. So future land use.

16 COMMENTER NO. 8: Is that going to be  
17 addressed? Am I correct in understanding that  
18 is going to be addressed by this committee?

19 MS. KREPPEL: Yes.

20 COMMENTER NO. 9: I am not thinking of  
21 land, I am thinking of each different community  
22 has different issues, as far as one strictly  
23 rural and the other one is more business, so how  
24 each one gets a fair future, a fair deal, if you  
25 want to call it that, when they both have

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1 different issues. I mean, especially when it  
 2 comes to grant money, businesses going, and like  
 3 you said in one of the sheets that business is  
 4 more important than land and property owners,  
 5 and one of the --

6 MS. KREPPEL: Is that what you heard?

7 COMMENTER NO. 9: No. That's what I  
 8 read.

9 MS. KREPPEL: Is that in one of the  
 10 overheads?

11 COMMENTER NO. 9: Yes.

12 MS. KREPPEL: Oh, people are more  
 13 important than land.

14 COMMENTER NO. 9: Also that can lead  
 15 into business is more important than people.

16 MS. KREPPEL: I understand how you were  
 17 reading. Okay. We can come back to that with  
 18 some particular questions that you might want to  
 19 direct to Debbie or anybody else; okay?

20 Yes?

21 COMMENTER NO. 10: It's a question, is  
 22 that okay?

23 MS. KREPPEL: Sure.

24 COMMENTER NO. 10: This group isn't  
 25 going to be involved in land use planning

1 off-site, are they?

2 MS. KREPPEL: I don't know the answer to  
3 that question.

4 COMMENTER NO. 10: If they're going to  
5 be involved in land use for a big area that  
6 concerns me, I thought the idea was --

7 MS. KREPPEL: There is certainly no  
8 jurisdictional authority, this is a DOE issue.

9 COMMENTER NO. 10: That's what I  
10 thought. I am beginning to wonder.

11 MS. KREPPEL: They're not planning --  
12 well actually that's what -- we did here  
13 something about other planning activities but  
14 they're not planning for sections of Hamilton  
15 and Butler County. I do believe that the CRO  
16 may certainly be in place where projects might  
17 want to stop and have conversations with  
18 representatives. I don't see them having any  
19 authority to making decisions or make  
20 recommendations to whom they recommend but I can  
21 imagine this would become a group that will be a  
22 good touch stone. If in fact some of the issues  
23 that are up here are effectively addressed it  
24 will certainly put some things on the table for  
25 the three townships and issues with different

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1 interests for example in terms of land use and  
2 balancing those particular interests with some  
3 larger prospective, but you are right, no  
4 jurisdiction.

5 COMMENTER NO. 10: Some people are  
6 already trying to get over the land use with the  
7 political jurisdictions.

8 MS. KREPPEL: None of that change for  
9 sure. Okay.

10 On the backside I had asked what did you  
11 hear so far tonight that surprised you,  
12 concerned you, encouraged you? Actually I think  
13 your questions speaks to the point that concerns  
14 you. Any surprises? And these responses might  
15 lead us --

16 COMMENTER NO. 11: Looking around the  
17 room I see there is no Ross trustees here and  
18 this is part of their community also and that  
19 they should be represented.

20 MS. KREPPEL: I have been in touch with  
21 at least one of the Ross trustees and they  
22 certainly are interested in being part of CRO.

23 Surprises?

24 COMMENTER NO. 12: Yes did I see  
25 property sales?

1 MS. KREPPEL: Yes, property sales. That  
2 was a surprise?

3 COMMENTER NO. 12: Yes.

4 MS. KREPPEL: Let's puts that up there  
5 and we will go back to it.

6 Any other surprises.

7 MS. CRAWFORD: I think sometimes money  
8 causes problems. I'm not sure how to say that  
9 but we have friends who live around the Mound  
10 Plant, who when DOE gave them 10 million dollars  
11 for whatever it was they were supposed to be do  
12 up there a lot the folks got real greedy, you  
13 know, and everybody had their hands in the pot  
14 and it got a little sticky and a little weird.  
15 Sometimes I think money can cause those kinds of  
16 problems. That's a large concern of mine. It  
17 also makes people crawl out from under the  
18 woodwork.

19 MS. KREPPEL: So we could put some of  
20 those dollars amounts on posts cards.

21 Let's record your concerns. How would you  
22 like to capture that?

23 COMMENTER NO. 13: I guess my concern  
24 was that this organization not being involved in  
25 land use plan for the other 50,000 acres because

1 -- other than an advisory role, you know.

2 MS. KREPPEL: Right any other concerns  
3 you would like to record? Did you hear anything  
4 that encouraged you?

5 COMMENTER NO. 14: I have a concern. If  
6 you look at the overall schedule, the clean-up  
7 of sites they are talking about 10 years from  
8 fiscal year '96. If you look in detail at that  
9 schedule the bulk of the dirty work will be done  
10 in five years, the remaining five years will be  
11 lifting loads, digging dirt, shoving it in that  
12 mound. There isn't going to be a whole lot of  
13 technical work going on at the site probably  
14 beyond the next five years. I am concerned this  
15 is too late.

16 MS. KREPPEL: The CRO initiation?

17 COMMENTER NO. 14: Yes. The CRO is a  
18 young organization. How old is it, two years  
19 three years? It's a young organization. It's  
20 not where there is 600 square miles of beautiful  
21 desert. But in five years if the money is there  
22 and if FERMC0 is successful the bulk of the work  
23 is going to be done and I don't see how you are  
24 going to get anything done in five years with  
25 the CRO, it doesn't happen that way.

1 MS. KREPPEL: To address issues of work  
2 force downsizing, is that what you are thinking  
3 about?

4 COMMENTER NO. 14: Downsizing, whatever.

5 The people that are going to be here five  
6 years from now are going to be completely  
7 different than the ones you have now.

8 MS. KREPPEL: Any other concerns? Any  
9 encouragement?

10 Was anybody encouraged by the money? I  
11 asked if anyone was encouraged by the money that  
12 frightened you.

13 COMMENTER NO. 15: I think it's  
14 encouraging that government hasn't at least  
15 walked away and abandoned people here. When you  
16 look at other sites like Mounds and Pinales and  
17 Rocky Flats where money has been put to work  
18 there is at least some attempt to help the  
19 people in the area.

20 MS. KREPPEL: And we are hoping to have  
21 one of those stories here.

22 Anything else?

23 COMMENTER NO. 16: I think the diversity  
24 of the people that are here tonight is a plus.

25 Any others? Okay.

1 Gary, would you like, if we go back to the  
2 question sheet that was a couple before this  
3 perhaps that's the best way to get questions  
4 started that might be addressed to anyone of us.  
5 Would you look the mike back or do you want me  
6 to just hand all the questions to you? There's  
7 your choice.

8 Actually as you are flipping back to the  
9 first question sheet let me invite you to come  
10 tell us something about that plan initiative.  
11 I'm going to ask you to come up to the mike  
12 because it's easier to hear.

13 MR. HORNBACK: I am Maurice Hornbach. I  
14 represent the Crosby Township board of trustees.  
15 They have appointed me for the Western Hamilton  
16 County Collaborative Plan. And that plan is  
17 taken in all of Colerain, Crosby, Harrison,  
18 Miami and White Water. And it is for future  
19 development -- and also the municipalities of  
20 Harrison, Addyston, Cleves and North Bend. And  
21 the regional planning commission was probably  
22 the mere seeing that the eastern side is all of  
23 a sudden almost closed in. Now, the last  
24 frontier is towards the west. And that's what  
25 this is all about. We have been meeting

1 probably about three months, this collaborative  
2 plan and next Wednesday and next Thursday there  
3 is two break-out sessions. One is at Colerain  
4 High School and the other one is at the White  
5 Water Township Senior Center. And at those two  
6 meetings each representative from the townships  
7 will be present and they will have with them a  
8 map of their individual township or  
9 municipality. And being I am in Crosby Township  
10 and out of 1100 acres approximately eight to 900  
11 hundred is in Crosby Township in Hamilton County  
12 I was talking to Maria last Friday in regards to  
13 this and we think and we are pretty positive  
14 this is all that stuff sort of blended together,  
15 both plans or organizations. At this meeting on  
16 the fifth day and the sixth there is, like I  
17 said there is going to be a map and we are going  
18 to take in the plot in each individual municipal  
19 or township places of interest, shopping areas,  
20 parks and recreation, areas not to be developed  
21 in which could be and there could be threats to  
22 the community or there could be high-risk areas,  
23 such as bad intersections as an example 128.  
24 That would be a high traffic problem, an issue  
25 for public safety. Historical interests, places

1 to dine, places to visit. These will all be  
2 plotted on individual maps, then the regional  
3 planning commission will boil it down to one  
4 gigantic map of western Hamilton County. That  
5 is the only interest that I have -- I have  
6 interest in this because I was appointed by the  
7 board of trustees and also I was nominated to be  
8 on this CRO. I do have copies of the brochure  
9 for the Western Hamilton County Collaborative  
10 Plan and there is also a contact person on the  
11 bottom of the page, Caroline Andrews if you have  
12 any further questions. And you are invited to  
13 come to those if you have an interest within  
14 those areas. And if you do have a question  
15 tonight there is Mr. Kenneth Moore who is here  
16 this evening from the Hamilton County Planning  
17 Commission who might be able to answer some  
18 questions also. Thank you.

19 MR. MOORE: I want to introduce myself.  
20 I am part of that big government business, the  
21 county government this time. I have been with  
22 the county for about 12 years. I have been in  
23 consulting, planning, worked for the university  
24 for a few years and worked for cities and  
25 counties, so I have professional planning

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1 background. What we hope to do is be a resource  
2 to any organization and any planning that goes  
3 on within Hamilton County. Guy Guckenburger  
4 over the years became very involved in the  
5 Citizens Task Force and he really established a  
6 framework that the county is committed to what  
7 is going on here, seeing new water lines go in  
8 and the county put those in, and there was a lot  
9 of money put into those. The infrastructure was  
10 very important. We in Hamilton County had a  
11 responsibility to the entire county. We see  
12 certain changes that are going to occur in the  
13 western third of Hamilton County because of  
14 sewer lines and water and economic development.  
15 Look on a map downtown and you will see there  
16 aren't any large shopping centers, regional  
17 shopping centers in this area, well, there is  
18 going to be one, Biggs is going to put one in.  
19 And that's going to encompass a void that was  
20 previously in the area. What's going to happen  
21 to Fernald? That's a big question that we have  
22 in our minds. We work with Crosby Township, we  
23 work with all the municipalities that were  
24 mentioned. We want to maintain active  
25 cooperation, coordination, input, whatever we

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1 can do, whatever feedback or anything like that.  
2 Maurice mentioned the Hamilton County  
3 Collaborative Plan. The county commissioners,  
4 recently about six months ago hired a firm out  
5 of Baltimore, Maryland to coordinate this  
6 western Hamilton County Plan. The county is  
7 committed to watching the dollars in this. The  
8 county is also committed to staff time to  
9 facilitate this plan. We think that Crosby  
10 township, Fernald, this is part of the county  
11 that is very vital to what is going on within  
12 that plan and we hope this effort that is going  
13 on with the CRO will be a safe stimulus to other  
14 things that may happen. That's what I would  
15 like to see. I live in Blue Ash and I moved  
16 there approximately 20 years ago, but Reed  
17 Hartman Highway went in after I moved there,  
18 there was an industrial park that went in. I  
19 guess it would be nice to think that economic  
20 development like that, if it's desirable for  
21 certain areas could occur in other areas. And  
22 who knows what might occur in any part of the  
23 county, but there are many examples and  
24 accountables to be participated in this project  
25 with you on.

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1 MS. KREPPEL: That you both. If you  
2 have any interest in those meetings, you want to  
3 get specifics of time and place stop by right  
4 here and we will have the phone numbers  
5 available for you if there are enough copies.  
6 Open mike time. So you remember the questions  
7 and concerns that we shared just a few minutes  
8 ago? If you want specific responses from  
9 anybody here, if you want to frame a new  
10 question, or if you want to come and address the  
11 group in terms of other invitations of the sort  
12 that you just heard from Ken and Maurice, the  
13 mike is yours. Anyone? Do you want to be out  
14 of here before 9:00 o'clock, we can do that too.  
15 Last on the agenda it says Gary is going to wrap  
16 up. Last on my agenda is to tell you that I  
17 won't let you out that door with a green sheet.  
18 I don't need your names on them but I am very  
19 interested to what you wrote on those sheets. I  
20 would like you before you leave to record your  
21 view of what a successful CRO would mean for  
22 these communities five years out. That one's  
23 real important to me. I want to be able to hand  
24 that over to the chair. Thank you very much.

25 MR. STEGNER: Thank you, Maria. Again,

1 to reiterate probably early next month Maria  
2 will give us her list of recommendations of the  
3 members, recommend a chair for the CRO and a  
4 graph chart operative to the CRO. Following  
5 that we will act upon those recommendations,  
6 probably by the selectees. I really can't  
7 imagine too many circumstances where we would  
8 have any quarrels with Maria on her  
9 recommendations. We would follow that up with a  
10 letter to the individual selectees and hopefully  
11 by sometime in July have a first meeting of the  
12 Fernald Community Reuse Organization. I hope by  
13 that time also very early on, maybe August, act  
14 upon getting some technical support for the CRO  
15 also. Thank you all very much for your  
16 attendance tonight and your participation. If  
17 you have any questions on what is going to  
18 happen with the CRO feel free to contact Maria,  
19 whose number I think is probably plastered all  
20 over things here or me. Also if you are really  
21 interested in getting into what is going on at  
22 Fernald in a big way and we have meetings coming  
23 up -- One thing we do pride ourselves on is  
24 public involvement at the site. Next Tuesday,  
25 June 4th, there will be a workshop to discuss

1 the disposal facility. We are at a 6 percent  
2 design phase right now. That will be here 7:00  
3 to 9:00 p.m. at the plantation. Saturday the  
4 8th Fernald's Citizens Task Force will meet in  
5 the morning and that's open to the public. They  
6 will welcome your attendance. Also following  
7 that meeting from 1:00 to 3:00 o'clock will be a  
8 test for the on site disposal facility. The  
9 test will be on the eastern side of the site and  
10 we will have people there to discuss technology  
11 questions and talk about monitoring equipment  
12 that will be there on display. We will ask you  
13 wear cleats and no heel shoes. Parking will be  
14 available in the east parking lot at Fernald.  
15 We will take you by a van to the test pad  
16 location. Two weeks from tonight on the 11th we  
17 will have a workshop to discuss reuse and  
18 recycling and then we will be 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
19 on the 11th at the Alpha Building. I will make  
20 an announcement also at the task force meeting  
21 we will also be at the alpha building which is  
22 the new location for task force meetings. Again  
23 thank you all for coming. Thank you very much  
24 Maria and Debbie for your participation and  
25 help, I appreciate it. Thank you very much and

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again our doors are always open and lines are  
always open to you if you have anything you want  
to discuss. Have a safe trip home everybody.  
Thank you, again.

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CERTIFICATE

I, Lori Melas,, a court reporter, do hereby  
certify that the foregoing transcript of the public  
meeting taken on May 28, 1996.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my  
hand this 3rd day of June, 1996.

*Lori Melas,*

Lori Melas  
Notary Public  
State of Ohio

My Commission Expires:  
October 19, 1999

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