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**FERNALD CITIZENS TASK FORCE LETTER REGARDING BASELINE
TRAFFIC STUDY OF STATE ROUTE 128**

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Dear Mr. Craig:

At its June 8, 1996 meeting, the Fernald Citizens Task Force developed preliminary recommendations for DOE on the steps necessary to assess and improve the safety of vehicular traffic associated with the upcoming remediation of Fernald. In particular, the Task Force calls to DOE's attention a 1994 report by the University of Cincinnati, Baseline Traffic Study of State Route 128. We believe that the recommendations contained in this report, as attached, have merit. The Task Force also recommends that DOE consider the following traffic restrictions:

1. Truck traffic from the site be restricted so that it will not share the road with school buses; and
2. Truck traffic alternate between Miamitown and Ross so that each locality receives a proportionate amount of the traffic generated as a result of remediation.

The issue of traffic safety (trucks and trains) at Fernald is critical to area residents, however, not enough information currently exists to make adequate decisions. We are therefore requesting DOE's assistance in gathering information so that the Task Force can make final recommendations on this issue at its September meeting. Needed information includes:

1. An estimate of the total truck traffic expected over the entire course of the remediation; organized by number, frequency, type of vehicle, load, and route, and including both incoming and outgoing traffic;
2. A feasibility analysis of using intermodal transportation to deliver waste to NTS, including cost comparisons; and
3. An estimate of the expected wear and tear on area roads due to Fernald construction traffic.

Our Transportation Committee anticipates meeting on these issues in August to prepare for our September Task Force meeting. We recognize that much of this information will be preliminary or based on estimates, but we believe it is important that our information be as complete as possible.

We appreciate your assistance. Please identify a primary point of contact to coordinate this information with Doug Sarno, who can be reached at 648-6478. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at 556-0114.

Very truly yours,



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