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### CHAIR

John S. Applegate

### MEMBERS

James C. Bierer  
 Marvin W. Clawson  
 Lisa Crawford  
 Pamela Dunn  
 Constance Fox, M.D.  
 Guy C. Guckenberger  
 Darryl D. Huff  
 Gloria J. McKinley  
 Jerry Monahan  
 Thomas B. Rentschler  
 Robert G. Tabor  
 Warren E. Strunk  
 Dr. Thomas E. Wagner  
 Dr. Gene E. Willeke

The Fernald Citizens Task Force met from 8:35 a.m. until 11:40 a.m. on June 8, 1996, at the Alpha Building, 10967 Hamilton-Cleves Highway, Harrison, Ohio. The meeting was advertised in local papers and open to the public. Time was reserved for public input.

### Members Present:

John Applegate  
 French Bell  
 Jim Bierer  
 Marvin Clawson  
 Lisa Crawford  
 Pam Dunn  
 Constance Fox  
 Darryl Huff  
 Guy Guckenberger  
 J. Phillip Hamric  
 Gene Jablonowski  
 Gloria McKinley  
 Graham Mitchell  
 Warren Strunk  
 Robert Tabor  
 Thomas Wagner  
 Gene Willeke

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L. French Bell  
 J. Phillip Hamric  
 Gene Jablonowski  
 Graham Mitchell

### Members Absent:

Jerry Monahan  
 Thomas Rentschler

Designated Federal Official Present: Ken Morgan

Task Force Staff Present: Sheri Landfair  
 Crystal Sarno  
 Douglas Sarno  
 Sue Walpole

About 12 spectators also attended the meeting, including members of the public and representatives from DOE, FERMCO, and FRESH.

### 1. **Call to Order and Approval of Minutes**

Chair John Applegate called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. The March 8, 1996 minutes were noted as previously approved and accepted.

### 2. **Announcements and New Business**

Applegate noted that the planned view of the test pad was rescheduled to June 15, due to the inclement weather. A working lunch for the Task Force was announced to discuss what if any role the TF should have in response to the recent Enquirer articles. Several upcoming meetings were announced.

Applegate announced that he will be commuting to Vanderbilt University in Nashville this fall three days a week, but did not expect any conflict in keeping up with the Task Force schedule.

John Bradburne introduced the new senior management at FERMC0:

Chuck Little - soil and water projects

Jamie Jameson - safe shutdown and deconstruction

Bob Heck - vitrification, waste management

Ed Zobrist - administrative activities, human resources, finance, contracts

Denise Carr - program integration and oversight

On May 28 there was a public meeting on the community reuse organization that is being formed. Maria Kreppel thanked members for their help so far, and noted that there would be one or two organizational meetings.

Applegate emphasized the need for TF members to attend other relevant meetings and activities now that the TF is on a quarterly schedule. He will indicate via the Friday mailings which meetings are most important.

There is a new Assistant Secretary at DOE - Al Alm. He is familiar with the Task Force's work and very pleased with what has been accomplished thus far. Applegate expects that he will be as responsive as Mr. Grumbly was. Mr. Alm has developed a 10 year plan that will emphasize mortgage reduction, and Applegate will be part of a group that will look at this plan and consider stakeholder involvement. Applegate said he will keep the TF updated.

### 3. **Committee Reports**

#### *Environmental Monitoring:*

Pam Dunn reported that there are between 80 and 90 total contaminants that have been tested for during the site investigation. DOE is currently seeking to narrow this field down to the most prevalent ones, of which there are approximately 15. The issue is to determine how many contaminants we really need to look for to ensure a safe cleanup. The more we look for, the more expensive the project. The committee is also looking at the Integrated Environmental Monitoring Plan (IEMP) which will be coming out in draft next month.

Graham Mitchell noted that he had passed out Ohio EPA's Annual Report to all Task Force members; a copy will also be placed in the Task Force library.

#### *Natural and Cultural Resources:*

Jim Bierer reported that the committee had provided its preliminary recommendations to DOE and was awaiting a draft approach from the Natural Resource Trustees. The committee will also be working with the Waste Management committee to review the site-wide excavation plan this fall.

*Transportation:*

Tom Wagner reported that the committee has been focusing on highway safety, has visited Envirocare, and has planned a trip to the Nevada Test Site. The committee is concerned about the number of trucks entering and leaving the site as a result of waste shipments and construction materials. The committee has also developed informal recommendations based on a 1994 Baseline Traffic Study conducted by the University of Cincinnati.

*Waste Management:*

Gene Willeke reported that the committee is looking at the design of the on-site disposal facility, the site-wide grading plan, the recycling and reuse of materials, and other on-site waste handling and disposal issues as are deemed relevant. Upcoming activities include the review of the site-wide grading plan this fall.

*Membership Committee:*

John Applegate noted that in December a number of Task Force members' terms expire. The issue of reappointments will need to be a topic of discussion in the coming months.

**4. DOE Budget Report**

Phil Hamric described the 1998 Budget process. A meeting was conducted to review the budget of DOE's ten major field offices. The guidance for the 1998 budget was that all offices should come in at the same level as the 1997 budget. Fernald achieved that goal. In addition, DOE and FERMCO are putting together a plan to conduct a reengineering analysis to save money. Such an analysis was conducted at Richland and was very successful.

John Bradburne said that the new organization at FERMCO is a result of reengineering, and that overall there is the potential for tremendous savings.

Fernald is on track for the (now) 9-year schedule. Jack Craig indicated that DOE has completed its initial review of the baseline budget, which generated 450 comments. Most comments have been resolved, and they hope to have a revised plan based on the resolved comments by the end of June. He noted that an *Enquirer* article had erroneously reported his view that cleanup will require a longer period; in fact, he and his staff are behind the ten (now 9) year plan.

**5. Revised Charter and Ground Rules**

A copy of the revised Task Force Charter was distributed. It was noted that this version reflected all comments from previous discussions. There was no comment and the charter was approved unanimously.

Revised groundrules were distributed and discussed. A change was made to clarify the attendance rules so that it would read "...two consecutive meetings or three meetings over a twelve month period beginning with the first unexcused absence." In addition, in the Ex officio chapter, the words "potentially responsible parties" were eliminated. The groundrules as amended were unanimously approved.

**6. Transportation Issues**

Tom Wagner introduced the Transportation committee's proposed recommendations regarding truck traffic from the site. The committee recommended forwarding recommendations contained in the Baseline Traffic Study to DOE with the additional restrictions that trucks stay off the road while schoolbuses are running, which would restrict truck traffic to between 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. during the school year.

It was noted that the Ohio Department of Transportation is planning traffic signals on Route 128 at New Haven Road and the I275 interchange.

Gene Willeke suggested we have ODOT at our next meeting. Guy Guckenberger suggested we consult with Miamitown - they have worked very hard to improve their town, and have been fairly successful. The Miamitown Business Association might be very interested in providing feedback on all of these trucks going through their town. John Applegate asked the committee to look into who would be appropriate to invite to the next meeting. Doug Sarno said we will work with FERMCO in getting a detailed traffic report by that date.

Jack Craig said that these studies were probably based on old data, and they will do a better job of obtaining current data for.

It was decided that there are two basic issues for the board to evaluate. The first issue is the fact that radioactive waste is being transported, so if the truck is in an accident and turns over it would be of considerable concern. Is it wise to have all the trucks full of radioactive waste going through the same town? The transportation committee recommends that the truck volume be equally divided, with half going through each of the adjoining towns. The second issue is general truck safety.

Tom Wagner moved that the recommendations of the committee be forwarded to DOE as an informal recommendation. Pam Dunn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

A presentation was given concerning the rail operations that will be conducted in removal of the waste pits.

## **7. Public Comment**

The floor was opened to public comment. No public comments were offered.

## **8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

