

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC MEETING**FEASIBILITY STUDY/PROPOSED PLAN
FOR
REMEDIAL ACTIONS AT SILOS 1 AND 2
Fernald Environmental Management Project**

The United States Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of a Proposed Plan for remediation of Silos 1 and 2, a component of Operable Unit 4, at the Fernald Environmental Management Project. The Proposed Plan identifies a preferred alternative, as well as the other alternatives considered, for public comment.

The December 1994 Record of Decision for Remedial Actions at Operable Unit 4 identified removal of the material and treatment by vitrification followed by off-site disposal at the Nevada Test Site as the remedy for Silos 1 and 2. In the Revised Feasibility Study for Silos 1 and 2, DOE reevaluated vitrification and other potential technologies for treatment of the Silos 1 and 2 material. A detailed evaluation of vitrification and chemical stabilization was conducted.

Based upon available information, the preferred alternative proposed for public comment is removal, treatment of the Silos 1 and 2 material by chemical stabilization, and off-site disposal at the NTS. Although this is the Preferred Alternative at the present time, DOE welcomes the comments from the public on both alternatives. The formal public comment period begins on April 3 and ends on May 18, 2000. DOE will select the final remedy, with the concurrence of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, after the end of the public comment period.

DOE will hold a public meeting to discuss the Proposed Plan and accept oral or written public comments on May 3, 2000, from 4:30-6:00 p.m., in the Sedan Conference Room at the Department of Energy's Nevada Support Facility, 232 Energy Way (just off Losee Rd.), in North Las Vegas. Written public comments can be submitted throughout the entirety of the public comment period.

Copies of the Feasibility Study/Proposed Plan for Silos 1 and 2, and other supporting information are available at these locations:

Public Environmental Information Center
10995 Hamilton-Cleves Highway
Harrison, OH 45030
Phone: (513) 648-7480

DOE Public Reading Room
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Las Vegas, NV 89030
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