

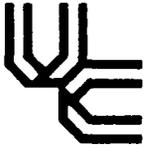
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**LETTER FROM DR. BINGHAM TO USDOE  
ANNOUNCING THE TASK FORCE IS SET UP AND  
INCLUDING A DRAFT CHARTER AND ROSTER  
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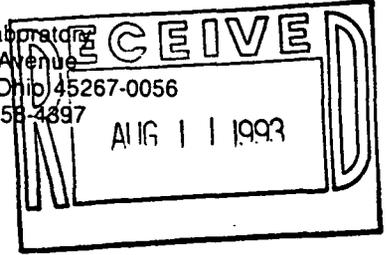
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TO: Assistant Secretary for Environmental Restoration and Waste Management, U.S. DOE  
Assistant Administrator for Region 5, U.S. EPA  
Director of Ohio EPA.

From: Eula Bingham

Enclosed is a charter for a Task Force to provide recommendation regarding the future of the Fernald site. The document uses the concept of a Task Force, however should the government decide in the future that an Advisory Committee better meets the need such a change can be made with little alteration of the document. In addition there is a list of proposed participants with their interests and expertise indicated. It is a diverse group and each person brings strength to the task at hand.

It was my intention that this report be made by the first week in August so that the group could begin its work as soon as possible. It is my hope that the Task Force can be convened this month and begin its work. I shall be available to convene the first meeting as soon as the agencies wish to proceed.

Most of the ideas for the Task Force are concepts developed by Keystone Group. It is my hope that you will provide a stipend similar to that provided a juror, so that individuals with out of pocket expenses for attending meetings (eg. child care) will not suffer monetarily. Members will be required to provide substantial time for this public service and further imposition does not seem fair.

For me this has been a rewarding task, the cooperation and interest of Ohio Citizens has been outstanding and the support from governmental agencies staff and contractor has been superb.

Please have your staff contact me regarding scheduling a date to convene the group.

Sincerely,

*Eula Bingham*  
Eula Bingham, Ph.D.  
Professor

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FEDERAL CITIZENS TASK FORCE

Citizens of Ohio have expressed an interest in providing a local viewpoint to guide the federal and state governments as critical decisions are made in the restoration and future uses of Fernald. The Department of Energy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency are committed to the concept that a Citizens Advisory Task Force will serve the public interest and provide useful information and ideas. Because environmental restoration activities are at a pivotal juncture in the decision-making process, the Task Force's contributions are critical to the successful remediation of the Fernald site. There is a mutual understanding that stakeholders desire and deserve a role in the process that will influence their future for generations.

SCOPE

The focus of the Task Force is the future of the Fernald site. The Task Force will make recommendations regarding the potential uses of the Fernald site and the criteria for cleanup to ensure an environmental restoration that is appropriate for current and future generations. The Task Force recommendations will be made to the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Restoration and Waste Management (hereafter "Assistant Secretary"), the Assistant Administrator for Solid Waste and Emergency Response to U.S. EPA, and the Director of Ohio EPA.

MEMBERSHIP

The Task Force is to be composed of no more than 15 Ohio residents, appointed by the Assistant Secretary, who are interested in the future of this site and who bring knowledge, views, technical expertise, and other skills to bear on a complicated technical and social problem: Fernald Cleanup. Appointment of half of the original members of the Task Force shall be for 3-year terms and half for 2-year terms. Subsequent appointments will be for 2-year terms. No one is eligible for more than 2 terms. Two non-voting alternate members may be appointed and participate in the deliberations.

In the future, new members shall be appointed by the Assistant Secretary from a list of interested citizens that has been prepared by a subcommittee of the Task Force. Ex-officio members (non-voting) shall consist of one responsible person from each of the interested governmental agencies, U.S. DOE, U.S. EPA, and Ohio EPA. A quorum is 3/5ths of the voting members, and shall be required for decision-making.

**RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHAIR**

The Assistant Secretary shall appoint one voting member of the Task Force to be its Chair. The Chair represents the Task Force in all official communications; presides at meetings; sets the times, places, and agenda for meeting; appoints committees; and retains consultants and is otherwise responsible for the administration of the Task Force.

**TERMINATION OF TASK FORCE**

The Task Force shall evaluate its work at 3 year intervals and decide whether to continue. The decision to discontinue must be agreed to by at least 2/3rds of the full voting membership of the Task Force.

**FUNDING AND SUPPORT**

The Assistant Secretary shall provide adequate funding for administrative support (including staff), travel and other expenses of the members, and technical assistance (including research, honorarium and travel of experts) that the Task Force docs is necessary.

**WORK PRODUCT**

The Task Force shall be guided by the deadlines under the Consent Agreement so that their advice is timely, and by the Interim Report of the Federal Facilities Environmental Restoration Dialogue Committee (February, 1993). Recommendations from the Task Force to the agencies shall be in the form of written reports as deemed appropriate and shall respond to the following questions: 1) What should be the future use of the site? 2) Determinations of cleanup levels (How clean is clean?). 3) Where should radioactive and hazardous waste be disposed that is generated as a result of restoration activities? and 4) What should be the cleanup priorities?

Response to these questions depend on a set of conditions including but not limited to: 1) State of Ohio regulations and disposal criteria 2) other state regulations regarding acceptance of waste; 3) available data on health effects and risks from the specific contaminants at the site; and 4) monies appropriated for cleanup. It is desirable that the Task Force set priorities for responding to questions and provide as much guidance as possible regarding their assessments.

**DECISION MAKING**

The Task Force shall work toward consensus reports regarding recommendations on various issues, however, on certain issues a minority report may be necessary. In these rare instances it is necessary to articulate in

writing both the areas of agreement and disagreement and the reasons why there continues to be differences.

**AGENCY COLLABORATION**

The agencies participating as ex-officio members of the Task Force shall assist the Task Force by providing technical expertise and assuring that all information necessary for Task Force deliberations is made available in a timely manner.

**MEETINGS**

The Task Force shall have regular public meetings in addition to working group meeting which will be announced in advance with an agenda. Such meetings shall be open to the public and opportunities for public comment shall be designated. The Task Force may vote to meet in executive session and formally vote during these sessions. Minutes of these meetings shall be available.

PROPOSED PARTICIPANTS ON TASK FORCE

<u>NAME</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>	<u>TERM END</u>
John Applegate	Law Professor, Chair		1996
Russ Beckner	Area Resident		1995
James Biere	Teacher - Ross, Ohio		1995
Lisa Crawford	Representative-FRESH		1996
Pam Dunn	Representative-FRESH		1996
Constance Fox	Physician, Physicians for Social Responsibilities		1995
Guy Guckenberger	Hamilton County Commissioner		1995
Rose Hanak	Social Worker		1996
Jerry Monohan	Representative-Building		1996
Tom B. Renstschler	Area Businessman & Miami Whitewater Conservancy		1995
Robert Schwab	Representative-Metal Trades Council		1996
Warren Strunk	Crosby Township Trustee		1995
Thomas Wagner	Professor, Community Planning, Dispute resolution		1995
Gene Willeke	Professor, Environmental Sci.		1996

ALTERNATE (NON-VOTING)

Marvin Clawson	Area Land Owner - Alternate	1995
Jackie Embry	Nurse Health Department, Alternate	1996

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS (NON-VOTING)

Ray Hansen	Site Manager, DOE
Graham Mitchell	Project Coordinator, Ohio EPA
Jim Saric	Remedial Project Manager, U.S. EPA