



FCAB UPDATE

Week of December 7, 1998

(Last Briefing was Dated November 23, 1998)

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MEETINGS

FERNALD MONTHLY PROGRESS BRIEFING Services Building Conference Room
Tuesday, December 8, 1998 • 6:30 pm

ON-SITE COMMITTEE

Administration Building First Floor

Wednesday, December 9, 1998 • 6:30 pm

Waste pits monitoring • Site historical preservations activities • Update on special nuclear materials disposition • Evaluate support of Oak Ridge options

OFF-SITE COMMITTEE

Administration Building First Floor

Thursday, December 10, 1998 • 6:00 pm

Planning for transportation workshop • Update on Fernald shipping and intermodal preparations/white metal box replacement • Silos update

EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE

Administration Building First Floor

Thursday, December 10, 1998 • 7:30 pm

Update on budgets and defense closure fund • Year 2000 plan

ATTACHMENTS

- Minutes from the full CAB meeting on September 12, 1998
- Draft Minutes for the full CAB meeting on November 14, 1998
- Letter to Mr. David Rast from NYE County, Nevada
- Letter to Mr. Jack Craig from David McWilliams, Chair of CRO
- Revised Committee Structure

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please review the draft minutes and return any comments to Doug Sarno or Gwen Doddy by December 18, 1998.

Those without picture badges coming to meetings should notify the guard they are attending a public meeting and ask for a preprinted public visitor pass. Please try to coordinate with Tisha Patton as soon as possible to get a picture badge.

On December 2, 1998, the SSAB Chairs had a conference call. They briefly discussed the transportation workshop, and will send their comments regarding the dates, issues and agenda to Doug by January.

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Minutes from the September 12, 1998 Meeting

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The Fernald Citizens Advisory Board met from 8:39 a.m. until 12:15 p.m. on Saturday, September 12, 1998, at the Site Services Building Conference on the Fernald site. The meeting was advertised in local papers and was open to the public.

Members Present:

Jim Bierer
Marvin Clawson
Jack Craig
Lisa Crawford
Pam Dunn
Jane Harper
Gene Jablonowski
Dan McElroy
Graham Mitchell
Robert Tabor
Thomas Wagner
Gene Willeke

Members Absent:

French Bell
Darryl Huff
Ray Wurzelbacher

Designated Federal Official:

Gary Stegner

Phoenix Environmental Staff:

Douglas Sarno
Samantha Weinstein

FDF Staff:

Tisha Patton
Sue Walpole

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1. Call to Order

Chair Jim Bierer called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m.

2. Announcements and New Business

Jim noted that the FCAB meeting location has been moved onto the Fernald site to help save money and to coincide with the location of DOE's monthly progress briefings. He reported that he attended the National Dialog meeting in Chicago in June and that five members of the CAB attended the low level waste workshop in Nevada in August.

3. Natural Resources and Future Land Use

Jim announced that the Natural Resource Trustees will be releasing the environmental assessment for the proposed final land use of the Fernald site this month. A workshop will be held on September 23 and a public meeting on October 13 to discuss the proposed plan. The plan provides for a general land use of natural resource preservation and wetlands with a 23 acre parcel to be available for commercial or industrial use. The Community Reuse Organization will be releasing studies and recommendations for the use of that parcel this month as well.

Once stakeholder comments are received and incorporated, a final plan will be developed. Members of the on-site committee noted a desire to comment on the assessment and will hold a meeting in conjunction with the October 13 public hearing.

4. Low Level Waste Workshop

Jim noted that the Low Level Waste Workshop sponsored by the NTS CAB in August was an effective format to discuss waste disposition among SSABs. Good progress was made toward dealing with issues of transportation.

Doug noted that 10 SSABs were represented. The FCAB had 5 members present as well as Doug Sarno, Tisha Patton, Gene Jablonowski, Kelly Kaletsky, and Leah Dever. It was truly a stakeholders' forum with few DOE and outside contractors. After some presentations on the low-level waste problem and transportation issues, five small groups were formed around central issues and asked to identify 3 barriers to solving low level waste disposition and present potential solutions to the full group. Each SSAB voted on scale of 1-5 on the importance of the solutions presented and the likelihood that their SSAB members would support such a recommendation.

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Doug then presented the workshop recommendations so that the entire CAB could review the list. The FCAB discussed each recommendation and identified whether it was something that the CAB would support and whether the CAB wanted to take a leadership role on that issue. A summary of the results is presented in Attachment A.

5. On-Site Committee

The On-site Committee met on September 9. The committee received a briefing on Special Nuclear Materials disposition. The contract with BNFL is being completed and should begin removing uranium in October. Some progress has been made with the Oak Ridge site to provide long-term storage of some 900 metric tons. Efforts are also underway to designate some depleted uranium as waste. It is imperative to get the material off site by year 2000, so that the site can proceed in dismantling the plant.

Contractors are working on the supplemental environmental projects on recycling and natural resource restoration and the committee will be looking into these over the next few months as results are obtained. The committee also received information on the new waste acceptance organization (WAO) which is responsible for making sure the material that goes into the OSDF does not exceed the WAC or physical requirements for on-site disposal. WAO officials are present at both the loading of materials into trucks and the unloading of materials in the OSDF.

6. Off-Site Committee

Gene Willeke reported that the committee met on September 10. The ongoing Silo procurements were discussed. The material in silo 3 turns out not to be the powdery material that was expected, but a more cement-like material as a result of moisture in the silo since the material was placed there. This is a physical, not a chemical difference. Pam asked how this change will impact the process and cost of the remedy. Gene noted the process is the same as before, but removal will probably take longer and costs may increase somewhat. However, this material was being removed to help determine the right technical approach. The additional costs are not expected to be significant.

Gene reported on the results of the corrective action report for the white metal box incident. One of the ten corrective actions was not concluded successfully with regard to the calibration of measuring equipment. Once that is corrected, NTS reviewers will return to complete their evaluation. Overall, it will still be several months before waste shipments can resume. Gene also noted that many of the rail cars have arrived on site, and the rest of cars should be here soon for shipping of Waste Pit waste. There is a March 30, 1999 milestone for loading waste.

Tom talked about the possibility that the CAB will be hosting an SSAB transportation workshop in the spring as the next step in inter-SSAB dialogues. The Off-Site Committee will begin planning this workshop soon and will be careful to make sure it is focussed effectively to ensure that it gets results. Fernald will take the same approach as the Nevada workshop in that each SSAB will be asked to provide a facilitator and pay their own costs. There was a question of how to handle the additional costs to the CAB of planning and hosting the workshop. Doug noted that they hoped to get some additional funding from HQ.

It was noted that at the monthly briefing on September 8 , there was an issue discussed regarding of the shut-down of the Waste Pits Project for safety violations. The shutdown was not mentioned during the presentation and was only addressed because Lisa asked that it be addressed during the question and answer period. CAB members expressed concern that issues that were severe enough to warrant a shut-down must be identified and discussed in the public meetings. Several stakeholders were aware of the issue prior to the meeting and understood the details of the situation. CAB members felt that not addressing it straightforwardly during the presentation gave the appearance of hiding something and will work to erode trust if this behavior continues. DOE agreed to work to prevent similar actions in the future.

7. Meeting Logistics

Concern was expressed because it was difficult to hear with the ventilation system in the room. The room was selected because the previous room was expensive and the current room is free to use. In the past many stakeholders were reluctant to meet on site but that concern has abated. Accessibility is important as parking is further away. A request was made for handicapped parking close to the building. Doug said he would continue to look into a suitable location for both full and committee meetings so the CAB does not have to keep moving around.

8. Closure Fund

Jim noted that Fernald was designated by Congress last year as one of three closure fund sites, but that the CAB has seen little advantage in this designation. A letter was sent to the Ohio Congressional delegation in May requesting clarification on Congress' intent in creating the closure fund but the CAB has yet to get a response. It was decided to re-send the letter with a cover asking for prompt response. The CAB wants to develop a strategy for getting DOE to make better use of the closure fund but first needs to better understand the intent of Congress in establishing the designation.

9. Membership

Jim noted that CAB membership is currently 11. The maximum allowed by the bylaws is 15 and the CAB has generally operated with 14 members. It was noted that the CAB should recruit some additional members to fill any perceived gaps in representation. FATLC has requested an additional member on the CAB, but it was felt that each Union should have equal representation and there is already a representative from FATLC on the CAB. The Guard's Union also requested membership and it was determined that a Guard's Union representative should be invited to participate, since they have no representative at the present. Several members believed it was important to stress that though balanced representation was sought, participation on the CAB was as individuals and not organizations.

Other potential gaps in representation that were noted included Hamilton county, the public health community, emergency response providers, environmentalists, and Native Americans. It was decided to offer membership to the Guards Union and another local resident (Sandy Butterfield) and to make a number of initial calls to gauge the interest of individuals in the communities identified. Jim Bierer agreed to contact the Guards Union, the Hamilton County Health District, and members of the Native American Community. Gene Willeke agreed to contact Hamilton City, the Sierra Club, and Butler County. Dan McElroy agreed to contact Hamilton County Commissioners. Tom Wagner agreed to contact Ken Moore. Lisa Crawford agreed to contact Sandy Butterfield.

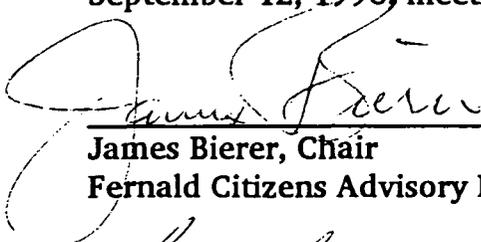
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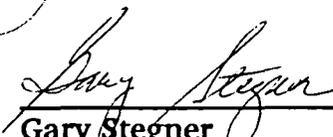
There was no public comment.

11. Adjournment

Jim Bierer adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

I certify that these minutes are an accurate account of the September 12, 1998, meeting of the Fernald Citizens Advisory Board.

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James Bierer, Chair	Date
Fernald Citizens Advisory Board	

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Draft Minutes from the November 14, 1998 Meeting

The Fernald Citizens Advisory Board met from 8:39a.m. until 12:20p.m. on Saturday, November 14, 1998, at the Large Laboratory Conference Room on the Fernald site. The meeting was advertised in local papers and was open to the public.

Members Present:

French Bell
Jim Bierer
Sandy Butterfield
Marvin Clawson
Jack Craig
Lisa Crawford
Pam Dunn
Jane Harper
Gene Jablonowski
Graham Mitchell
Ken Moore
Robert Tabor
Fawn Thompson
Thomas Wagner
Gene Willeke

Members Absent:

Darryl Huff
Mike Keyes
Dan McElroy
Ray Wurzelbacher

Deputy Designated Federal Official:

Mike Jacobs

Phoenix Environmental Staff:

Gwen Doddy
Douglas Sarno

FDF Staff:

Tisha Patton
Sue Walpole

Approximately four spectators also attended the meeting, including members of the public and representatives from DOE, Envirocare and Fluor Daniel Fernald.

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1. Call to Order

Chair Jim Bierer called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m.

2. Announcements and New Business

Jim Bierer introduced Jeff Wagner as the acting Director of Flour Daniel Fernald Public Affairs. Doug Sarno introduced Gwen Doddy as the FCAB's new administrative assistant.

Bierer introduced Ken Moore, Fawn Thompson, Mike Keyes and Sandy Butterfield as new members and asked them to state their interest in the FCAB. Sandy Butterfield said her property is adjacent to the site. Lisa Crawford added that all the waste leaving the site will pass through Sandy's backyard. Ken Moore received a Masters from University of Cincinnati in Community Planning. In the past, he has attended meetings of the FCAB and was a member of the Community Reuse Organization. He has an interest in Nuclear weapons and other outside community interests. Fawn Thompson works for the Ohio Department of Transportation.

The FCAB members introduced themselves. Crawford made the motion to accept Sandy Butterfield, Fawn Thompson, Mike Keyes and Ken Moore. Dunn seconded it. The motion was unanimously approved.

Bierer announced that Phoenix Environmental has received a one-year contract with three one-year options to provide support to the FCAB.

Bierer asked if there was any interest in having students become more involved with the FCAB, as a group of high school students had attended the National Dialogue meeting in Chicago. Crawford said that she did not have any objections, as long as there was an interest. Sarno stated that maybe the FCAB could let science teachers know about the specific issues being covered at the meetings. Bierer said that they could let the Universities know and Crawford volunteered to invite students to the meetings.

3. Intermodal Transportation

Tom Wagner summarized the latest activities of the FCAB with regard to intermodal transportation. In September, the Department of Energy Nevada (DOE-NV) released the Environmental Assessment (EA) for Intermodal Transport of Low-level Waste to the Nevada Test Site (NTS). The EA confirmed the FCAB's assessment that intermodal transportation is less risky and less expensive than alternative transportation. The Off-Site Committee drafted a series of letters in support of the EA and to encourage DOE to push for the use of intermodal transportation. The best route is through Caliente because it avoids population centers. Bierer would like the DOE and the

FCAB to investigate the possibility of trucking the material through Nellis Air Force Base. This route would eliminate 300 miles and would not pass through Native American land.

The CAB discussed three letters the Off-Site Committee had drafted. The first letter is to Mr. Shougard at DOE-NV supporting the EA and requesting that DOE be more aggressive in pursuing intermodal transport and it requests that DOE work with the U.S. Congress and the U.S. Air Force to open the Nellis Air Force Base to truck traffic. Dunn believes that trucks will not be allowed into the Nellis Air Force Base because it is a highly classified area. Dever stated that the DOE and the Air Force did discuss the opening of Nellis Road to trucks, but, in order to get any action, the members of Congress would need to be involved. Sarno stated that the FCAB simply does not have enough data to decide if the Nellis road is an option and needs further investigation. Crawford wants the words "low-level waste" to replace hazardous materials. Jack Craig also suggested sending the letter to Carl Gertz and Jim Fiore. Willeke asked who is going to build a site at Caliente, and Sarno answered that private companies are willing to build it. Dunn, Crawford and Willeke had concerns about the trucks driving on the road over the Hoover Dam. Sarno stated that the main risk is the risk of a traffic accident not the impact of the waste itself. The letter will be sent next week to Mr. Shougard and a copy to Carl Gertz and Jim Fiore.

The second Off-Site letter is to the Ohio Congressional Delegation. Crawford wants the words "hazardous materials" to be changed to "low-level waste." Wagner asked if any other sites supported the FCAB efforts to use intermodal transportation. Sarno stated that no other site is as far with their transportation issues. Bierer stated the other sites might support the FCAB after the transportation workshop in April. Wagner pointed out that many sites have not yet discussed transportation, but the FCAB needs to keep raising the issue. This letter will be sent next week with the word change that Crawford suggested.

The third letter is to Jack Craig. Crawford wants the words "hazardous materials" changed to "low-level waste." Craig suggested sending a copy of the letter to the Nevada delegation and the Congressional people from the states on the truck route. Ken Moore suggested contacting the Governors' office in each of the states along the route. Dunn pointed out that at some point the states do need to be notified of the shipments. The letters will be amended and mailed next week.

4. Transportation Workshop

Sarno announced that one reason the low-level waste workshop held in Nevada was successful is that the SSABs shared their common issues and goals. They decided to hold meetings twice a year. Fernald volunteered to

host a transportation workshop this spring. Sarno said that they decided to hold it on a weekend to limit the time people need to take off from work. They would like to begin with a site tour Friday morning and end by Sunday at noon. After considerable discussion, the FCAB decided to set the dates for May 13-15th. The Off-Site Committee anticipates that each SSAB could send five members with a maximum of ten people per site. The FCAB will send an announcement of the workshop to the SSAB members with the proposed dates and to ask them what issues, questions they would liked discussed. Crawford said the FCAB needs to start looking for sponsors for the opening event. Wagner said the Off-Site Committee will take a lead in organizing the event, and Dunn volunteered to also help organize.

5. Budget and Transportation

Dever stated because of the Closure Fund there was not a 1999 budget reduction for Fernald. Craig said that the final changes are being made to the shipping program, and that Fernald expects to resume shipping by the middle of January. Dunn and Crawford are still concerned about trucks crossing the Hoover Dam. Dever stated that the DOE will be liable if they suggest a route, therefore, DOE is reluctant to make suggestions. Also, that highway was declared very safe (probably because the trucks cannot go over five miles per hour) and the "spaghetti bowl" interchange near Las Vegas is worse for driving than the Hoover Dam road. Tabor they should give some credit to the truckers. Dunn and Crawford fear just one incident will cause the transportation of low-level waste to cease. Willeke stated the FCAB and DOE have no control over the route the trucks take. Dever stated that the trucking company is required to take the safest road, however they decide which road is safest. To ensure trucking companies select the safest roads, the Department of Transportation may do an audit of the trucking companies.

6. Future Land Use

Bierer asked for comments regarding the On-Site Committee's recommendations regarding future use. Willeke asked why only 23 acres is proposed for commercial development. Sarno answered that the 23 acres is the only place left for development, considering remediction needs and natural resource commitments. Tabor added that the 23 acres has the least amount of remediation necessary. Willeke believed the FCAB was making a premature decision by disregarding an industrial complex. Crawford said that the FCAB has heard from the people in the surrounding areas that they do not want an industrial center. Sarno asked after the DOE has completed the clean up, and, if the grass system does not work, how do we ensure that there is a system in place to try an alternative? French Bell said a stewardship and a self-sustaining ecosystem need to be in place. Dunn asked if stewardship issues should be in the On-Site Committee.

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Mitchell suggested combining the third and fourth paragraphs, and Gene Jablonowski suggested changing the word "believes" to "recommends." The FCAB agreed to combine the paragraphs and to change the wording. Willeke motioned to accept this recommendation. Crawford seconded it, and the motioned passed unanimously.

Bierer stated the On-Site Committee's next step is to coordinate the living history and Native American groups. It is the committee's intent to develop a total vision of the site's future.

The FCAB viewed a video on the Living History of Fernald brought by Steven Depoe, from the University of Cincinnati.

After the viewing, Steven explained the purpose of the video is to record the events concerning Fernald and maintain a conversation consisting of different views. Sarno asked the FCAB if they want to endorse the documentation of the history, how are they going to work with the DOE to keep some of the materials for preservation and where are these materials going to be stored? Dunn answered many of the documents relating to Fernald are in Oak Ridge, Nevada, and Washington, DC. She asked if the DOE knows exactly where those materials are located? Can they be moved to a collective area? Craig replied that the DOE has hired a record management person. The FCAB decided to express support for the Living History Project and the preservation of Fernald artifacts in general.

7. Committee Reports

On-Site Committee

The aesthetic barrier is almost complete. The packaging and shipping of the LOFT fuel rods has begun. The FCAB expressed concern about the lack of space and lack of a functioning restroom in Trailer 38. Craig stated there are three DOE meeting rooms that the FCAB could arrange to use. The FCAB decided that the issue of stewardship should be handled by the On-Site Committee.

Off-Site Committee

Willeke announced that the FCAB was assured funding from Headquarters for the transportation workshop. Sarno added that Martha Crosland will make the allocations so that sites hosting workshops will receive a greater amount of money.

Willeke asked for an update on the white metal boxes, and the waste pit program and silos for the December committee meeting. Craig stated that they are getting new boxes. The full CAB will be briefed on the silos in January.

Efficiency Committee

Currently, the committee is gathering information in order to identify issues on which to make recommendations.

8. Comments

Crawford was concerned about some members of the FCAB consistently missing meetings. Bierer spoke with Darryl Huff and Ray Wurzelbacher about attendance, they both had to work on the days of scheduled meetings. Crawford understands if one has to work, but said that the issue needed to be raised. The new FCAB members need to pick committees. Bierer reminded all the members, and the public, that they are invited to any committee meetings.

Crawford announced that FRESH is involved with ANA's Radiation Health Awareness Month, and she has information to hand out. Also, the new members of the FCAB will be added to the FRESH mailing list.

Sarno reminded the FCAB if anyone has any announcements they can post them in the FCAB weekly mailing.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10. Adjournment

Jim Bierer adjourned the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

I certify that these minutes are an accurate account of the November 14, 1998, meeting of the Fernald Citizens Advisory Board.

James Bierer, Chair Date
Fernald Citizens Advisory Board

Mike Jacobs Date
Deputy Designated Federal Official

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Request to DOE-Fernald to delay acceptance of Tri-State Motor Transport Company's tender offer to alter its route for transporting radioactive waste to the Nevada Test Site

Dear Mr. Rast:

We have reviewed information concerning the above-referenced tender offer. We are aware that the tender offer would allow Tri-State to transport waste on Nevada State Highway 375, US Highway 6, and US Highway 95 in the northern portion of Nye County, and on Nevada State Highway 363 in the southern part of the county. These Nye County highway segments are not currently used for major radioactive waste shipment campaigns. Moreover, emergency response capabilities in these areas are inadequate to effectively deal with accidents involving radioactive materials.

We respectfully ask that DOE-Fernald delay acceptance of Tri-State's tender offer until Nye County upgrades its emergency management capabilities along these routes. Department of Energy, Nevada Operations Office (DOE/NVO) has offered to mitigate impacts associated with the transportation of radioactive waste on Nye County Highways. Additionally, Nye County is developing an emergency response plan for incidents involving radioactive materials. We hope to have this plan completed and a request for impact mitigation assistance submitted to DOE by early December. Assuming that Nye County and DOE/NVO reach an agreement on an acceptable emergency response mitigation proposal and that DOE/NVO is able to provide impact mitigation funding, the required emergency response capabilities could be in place in relatively short order. Although statistical calculations yield lesser estimates of risk of transportation-related radiological exposure for routes through Nye County than for current routes through the Las Vegas Valley, the consequences of accidents involving radioactive materials could be substantial and, under certain circumstances, more severe because Nye County emergency response agencies are not equipped to handle such emergencies.

Highway hazards along this two-lane route, particularly on Nevada State Highway (NSH) 375 and US 6, include rapidly changing weather conditions in winter, open range, and wild horses and burros on roadways. Emergency response limitations include large "dead spots" where no emergency communications are possible, aged and ill-equipped emergency response vehicles, and the lack of adequately trained emergency response personnel (most ER personnel in the county are volunteers). If an accident involving radioactive materials were to occur along certain segments of the intended route, Nye County could not adequately protect the health and safety of its residents or that of highway travelers.

The Nye County Commissioners acknowledge and understand the desire of Las Vegas valley officials to keep shipments of radioactive materials out of their communities. In fact, the Nye County Commissioners expressed a similar desire when it passed Nye County Resolution No. 98-21, which identified NSH 375,

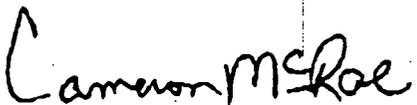
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US 6 and US 95 (Tri-State's intended route) as unacceptable for the transportation of radioactive waste because these highways pass through several Nye County communities. Although Nye County realizes it has little control over DOE-Fernald and Tri-State's routing decisions, the County Commissioners are concerned that shipments will occur before an adequate emergency response capability is in place. We therefore ask your help in delaying these shipments until adequate emergency response mitigation can occur and the Nye County Commissioners can assure their constituents that their health and safety will be protected.

We hope to discuss these issues further with you in the near future. We would welcome your participation in our impact mitigation discussions with DOE/NVO, and we ask your support in developing an adequate emergency response capability. Please direct any inquiries to Les Bradshaw, Manager of the Nye County Department of Natural Resources and Federal Facilities, at 1210 E. Basin Road, Ste. 6, Pahrump, Nevada, phone number 702-727-7727.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,
NYE COUNTY, NEVADA



Cameron McRae, Vice Chair
Nye County Board of Commissioners

cc: Honorable Harry Reid
U.S. Senator, Nevada

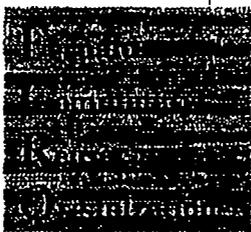
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Dear Mr. Craig:

The Fernald Community Reuse Organization (CRO) was pleased to present various recommendations at DOE's recent public hearing which addressed an Environmental Assessment Report (EA) on final land use disposition at the FEMP site. Our fundamental recommendation was that the 23-acre site identified in the EA be reserved for future economic development and/or community facility use. Due to the fact that DOE is unlikely to release the 23 acres for such purposes until approximately 2006, we further recommended that specific uses not be determined at this time. We suggested that specific uses would be a subject of review, discussion and recommendation by some form of community-based group that would be reconstituted for that purpose at a time closer to 2006.

Since we presented these recommendations at the Department's hearing on October 13, 1998, it has come to our attention that it may now be necessary to utilize the 23 acres as a source of "borrow" soil to complete the lining of the on-site storage cell. It is our further understanding that if this action becomes necessary, the methods utilized to access the "borrow" soil would not irretrievably damage the potential use of the site for economic development and/or community facility purposes. We further understand that prior to completion of remediation activities, fill material would be replaced in any excavation areas that had been produced by the "borrowing" and soil extraction activities.

Please accept this letter as an augmentation to our originally submitted recommendations, indicating that we urge the Department of Energy to ensure that the following occurs:

- A. The Fernald CRO requests that, if at all possible, the 23 acres not be utilized for "borrow" soil;



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- B. If it becomes necessary to utilize the soil resources of the 23 acres for "borrow" purposes, the Fernald CRO requests that the methods utilized for the soil extraction be done in such a way that it does not permanently detract from the future usability or marketability of the site for economic development and/or community facility purposes;
- C. The Fernald CRO also recommends to DOE that any "borrow" excavations be appropriately restored with fill materials prior to the cessation of remediation activities.

Again, thank you for the continuing opportunity to advise the Department on land reuse matters. Please contact either myself or Curt Paddock should you wish to discuss or clarify matters pertaining to these recommendations.

Sincerely,

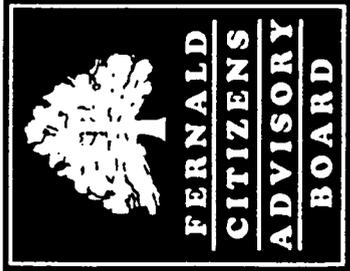


David McWilliams
Chair
Fernald Community Reuse Organization

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FERNALD CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE



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 • Membership
 • Special Projects

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