

SUMMARY OF DOE COMMUNITY MEETING

August 12, 1997

Plantation, Harrison, Ohio

Approximately 50 people attended the DOE Community Meeting at the Plantation on Tuesday evening, August 12. In addition to the general public, this number included representatives from: FRESH, Fernald Citizens Advisory Board, Community Reuse Organization, trustee from Crosby Township, OEPA, DOE-FN and Fluor Daniel Fernald.

Gary Stegner, DOE Public Affairs, opened the meeting at 7 p.m. with comments on the new public involvement format that DOE and Fluor Daniel Fernald will be initiating on a trial basis in September. After pointing out all the FEMP-related evening meetings, (28 during the last three months), the new strategy calls for one monthly meeting that would include:

- Big picture schedule and status
- Status and projection of upcoming activities by OU/Project
- Public involvement planning and interaction
- A "Topic of the Month" focusing on a current issue or project

The first Cleanup Progress Briefing will be Tuesday, September 9, Alpha Bldg., Classroom D beginning at 6:00 p.m. and will focus on the On-Site Disposal Facility. Meetings conducted by the CAB, CRO, FRESH and some DOE-sponsored meetings will continue as usual.

Next Jack Craig, DOE-FEMP Director, talked about the visit from DOE's Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, Al Alm. Mr. Alm was here Monday evening the 11th/Tuesday the 12th. and met with stakeholders, regulators, and other DOE/FDF groups. Mr. Alm said the FY98 funding for the FEMP was on target. He was impressed with all the remediation activities going on at Fernald and the visible emphasis on safety. Jack reported that the budget for FY98 would soon be approved by Congress and the FEMP can expect to maintain the same level of funding.

Following Craig was Johnny Reising, DOE Associate Director, giving a detailed presentation on the cleanup status of the five operable units, technology and waste management. Each operable unit and/or project has made progress since the April Community Meeting. Some highlights:

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| OU1/WPRAP | Planning to award the ARASA contract by late September. Completed all site preparation activities in future waste pit process area in July. |
| OU2/OSDF | Began construction of Cell 1 in June. Will initiate Cell 2 footprint in September. |
| OU3/FC&D | Completed safe shutdown of the incinerator at the Sewage Treatment Plant in July, six weeks ahead of schedule. |

- Mobilized contractor for D&D of Boiler Plant/Water Plant in May.
- OU4/Silos Proj. Signed Dispute Resolution with U.S. EPA in July. Will issue Draft RFP for Silo 3 by September 30.
- OU5/ARP/SCEP Completed installation of 10 wells in the South Field Extraction System Project. Excavation and certification efforts in Area 1, Phase 1 completed in July. Received conditional approval from EPA on the IEMP in July.
- WPM Awarded contract for Thorium Stabilization Project in August. Shipped 413,503 cu. ft. of low-level waste to date in FY97. Thorium Overpack Project completed in May, 10 months ahead of schedule. All TOCs have been shipped to NTS as of July 28.
- Technology Submitted four proposals to the Office of Science & Technology's Technology Deployment Initiative (TDI). All four were selected and pending Congressional approval of the funding, could mean \$13 million dollars for the FEMP. (Johnny praised the technology group for the effort that went into this project.)

Agency Updates and Stakeholder Groups:

OEPA: U.S. EPA didn't have a representative. Laura Hafer (filling in for Tom Schneider) -- OEPA has been making many visits to the FEMP. The general trend indicates progress and remediation is moving forward. They will continue their presence overseeing monitoring. They have collected data on air monitoring and it is available upon request.

Fernald Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) John Applegate -- The task force has changed its name to Citizens Advisory Board to reflect a new phase in their activities, such as implementation issues. Also, it signals to the other CABS around the complex, particularly the Nevada CAB. It's very important to keep the FEMP before the NV-CAB and work closely with them on waste disposition. Some issues the CAB is looking at are OU4, priorities, and groundwater. They have selected a vice-chairman, Jim Bierer, a science teacher at the Ross Jr. High School. Their September meeting will focus on membership issues.

Community Reuse Organization: Dan Lawler, filling in for David McWilliams -- The CRO is now chartered and is considered a non-profit organization. It received a start-up grant from DOE and put out an RFP for a technical consultant on July 24. Proposal are expected by August 21 and they have received inquiries from potential bidders. The committee hopes to make a recommendation by the September meeting. The CRO is setting up an office in the JAMTEK Building and their phone number is 648-4168..

FRESH: Lisa Crawford -- Two comments: (1) FRESH is looking forward to the new Public Involvement strategy of only one meeting per month. (2) FRESH is concerned that Headquarters is not paying attention to the FEMP and its issues. It's like the "black hole syndrome" where you call or submit something and nothing comes back. Lisa mentioned this concern to Mr. Alm during their visit.

Question & Answer Session:

The following questions/comments were discussed:

1. Since we have received a cheaper disposal rate from NTS, can we increase our waste shipments? (Yes, we are currently looking to ship 612,00 cu. ft. by Oct.)
2. Is there a document on the OU4 Dispute Resolution that we can comment on? (Yes, it's at the PEIC and we will make sure FRESH, CAB, trustees, CRO, etc. get copies. There is an U.S. EPA sponsored public meeting on August 26, Alpha Bldg. at 6:00 p.m. You can ask questions on the settlement and make comments then.)
3. Did you say you know the path forward for Silo 3? (By issuing a Draft RFP, we can solicit input from various vendors.)
4. You sent the MAWS equipment to another site, can't the melter be of use to the FEMP? (After studying the issue, it was decided it was too small)
5. Will we be able to see the Draft RFP for Silo 3? Can we see the Draft ESD? (When we send the drafts to EPA, we will also place them at the PEIC.)
6. Concerning the IEMP, how will you continue air monitoring? Will you leave monitors along east fence line for historical data? (We will leave air monitors on site. We are having some opposition in placing monitors off site.)
7. Since OU5 is progressing so well, can't you take some funds from other OUs and give to OU5? Has the ARP moved up in priority standing? We need to keep funds from EM50 coming to OU5. (Funding for OU5 remains on target.)
8. Concerning the Dispute Resolution settlement, when does the funding get here? When will the recycling start? (Remedial Action Work Plans will be prepared for each supplemental project. It will be in the FY98 budget.)
9. When will the Ohio Field Office director be named? (Probably within two weeks)

The value engineering study (Phase II) for OU4 prepared by the Army Corps of Engineers was just issued and if you would like a copy, please call 648-5883.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45. A transcript of the meeting will be available in two weeks. If anyone would like handouts from the meeting, please contact Jeanie Foster at 5883.

