

## FERNALD CLEANUP PROGRESS BRIEFING

*Sept. 9, 1997, 6 p.m., Alpha Building*

### SUMMARY

#### Overview

DOE and Fluor Daniel Fernald held the first Cleanup Progress Briefing on Sept. 9. Of the 60 people who attended the briefing, about 20 represented various stakeholder groups, including: FRESH; the Fernald Citizens Advisory Board; the Community Reuse Organization; local elected officials: Ohio EPA; U.S. EPA, as well as local residents. DOE-FEMP Public Information Director Gary Stegner introduced the new meeting format and asked stakeholders to hold their questions and comments until after the project updates are complete. Each stakeholder received a toolbox to organize presentation materials and help them track cleanup progress.

#### Project Updates

DOE-FEMP Associate Deputy Director Johnny Reising explained that each month, the responsible DOE and Fluor Daniel Fernald project managers will brief stakeholders on their own projects since they are the subject matter experts. He said this will give stakeholders an opportunity to talk directly with the project managers about current issues, concerns, plans, etc.

For the next 90 minutes, the project managers for the five operable units, waste management and project management (budget) discussed their projects, August accomplishments, near-term enforceable milestones, and provided a projection of activities and deliverables over the next 90 days. Stakeholders then asked questions, which were addressed during a question-and-answer session by the cognizant project manager.

#### OSDF Construction Site Tour Postponed

Due to rainy weather, DOE and Fluor Daniel Fernald postponed the On-Site Disposal Facility construction site tour. Fluor Daniel Fernald OSDF Project Manager Mike Hickey came prepared with photo overheads of the OSDF site and answered questions.

#### Public Involvement Strategy -- October Topic of the Month

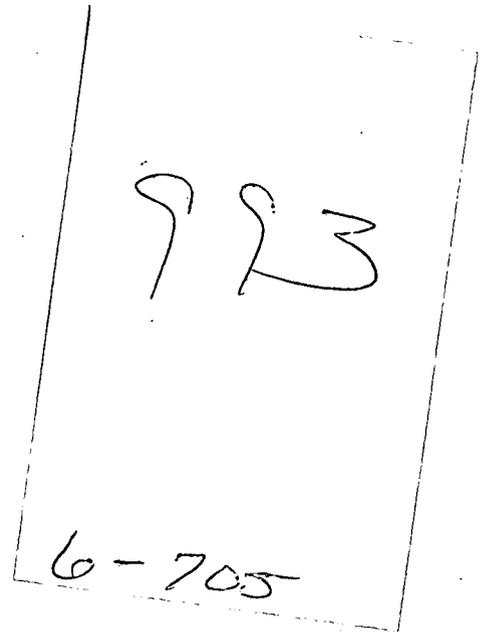
Stegner asked for suggestions on the Oct. 14 Topic of the Month. Suggestions included:

1. Responsiveness Summary on the Ohio Plan
2. handling radon in the Silos
3. Leachate Monitoring Plan
4. explanation of the soil certification process
5. tour of all operable units

Stegner also suggested an update on ARASA, although stakeholders were most interested in the tour of the operable units while the weather was still good. **Meeting participants agreed on the site tour in place of the normal meeting; project managers will brief stakeholders on their projects during the bus tour.**

Prior to adjourning, Stegner asked stakeholders for feedback on the meeting format. Comments were generally favorable, including: "Great! It's more understandable." "Define the acronyms in the overheads." "Put dates on the photos and identify the project." "When there are no enforceable milestones, explain the time period." "Don't waste a piece of paper to note there are no enforceable milestones due."

Regarding the computer presentation, several stakeholders commented that they liked it. One said it was alright and to use whatever is easiest and cheapest. Stegner adjourned the briefing at 8:30 p.m.



## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT WORKSHOP EVALUATION RESULTS

(12 people completed evaluation forms.)

### 1. Did the new meeting format (i.e., overview of each cleanup project) meet your expectations?

- 9 said yes **Comments:** 1. "Excellent job." 2. "Having parallel segments of each OU was helpful for organizing information (i.e., regulatory milestones, 90 look ahead). 3. "But more time needed to be devoted for questions after each operable unit presentation. And yes, the Topic of the Month idea is a good one, despite weather conditions."
- 1 said "Much better than I anticipated!"
- 1 said "I like the idea of only having one meeting per month, but we need to shorten the presentations and make them more interactive!"
- 1 said "Pretty much -- I like it so far."

### 2. Please rate the level of detail during the project summaries:

too little detail	<u>0</u>
about right	<u>11</u>
too much detail	<u>1</u>

### 3. What did you like about the new format?

- "It was clear, concise and focused on key upcoming points on each operable unit, both past and future."
- "Good."
- "One meeting covers all."
- "A lot to listen to but good format."
- "Computer presentation."
- "Each project manager spoke about their OU."
- "Stepping through each element."
- "A lot of info in a short time. Questions answered immediately. Notebook extremely helpful."
- "The computer program looked great!"
- "Introduced DOE and Fluor Daniel Fernald leads, but only one person presented material."
- "Like toolbox so far. Full picture progress is nice. Fluor Daniel Fernald and DOE are together, plus they all get to hear each other's presentations and get big picture view themselves. Like to ask questions of all kinds of topics in one evening."

### 4. Do you suggest any changes or improvements for future Cleanup Progress Briefings?

- "A 5 to 10 minute question and answer session after each operable unit summary. Also, less acronyms in the presentations."
- "No."
- "Brief synopsis -- instead of reading charts word for word -- most of us can read."
- "Some need to talk a bit louder (for one). Most did well!"
- "Not at this time."
- "Allow questions immediately after an area presentation (limit time for presenters; additional time for questions at end of presentation)."
- "Continue brief presentations. Brief OSDF tour."
- "Have questions immediately following each briefing."
- "Give everyone the information we used for this month's slides in their handouts. Have each project manager talk from pictures like Mike Hickey did. Let stakeholders ask questions after each segment."
- "Shorter since you'll only have to brief us on the past month's activities."
- "Explain acronyms first time they're used on overheads. Caption and date photos, if possible. Include next milestone, even if after the 90-day window on overheads. Some presenters need to talk a bit slower, especially when speaking "DOEese". Would like to ask brief or clarifying questions of each presenter as he/she finishes, or during the presentation."

5. **In general, were you satisfied with the responses to your questions?**  
-- 1 said "Very much so."  
-- 8 said yes **Comment:** "The question process was managed much better! Thanks, Gary."  
-- the rest did not answer
6. **Did you think the length of the briefings was:**  
too long 2 **Comments:** "Waste Management" (too long)  
about right 9 "Overall way too long to sit without a break."  
too short \_\_\_\_\_
7. **Are there any additional questions, comments or concerns you would like addressed?**  
"The guy at the computer did a great job!"  
"I feel more comfortable in the new format. Nice job!"  
"Liked the room setup. The visual aids for this meeting were the best I've ever seen."