

# Public Environmental Information and Technical Information Centers

## Fact Sheet

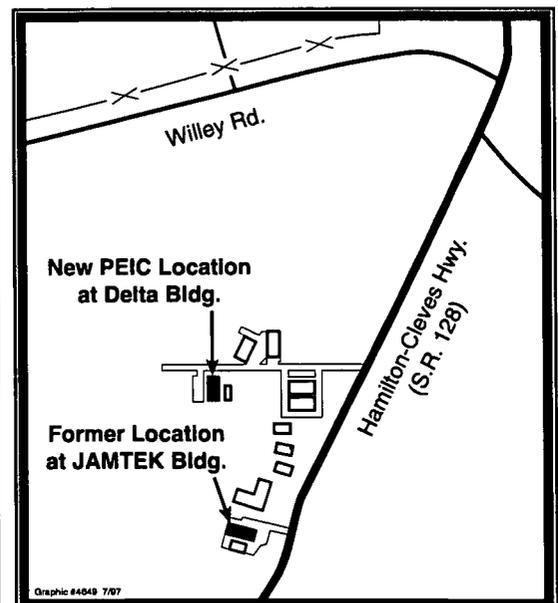
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The Public Environmental Information Center (PEIC) is located in the south end of the Delta Building, 10995 Hamilton-Cleves Highway, Harrison, Ohio, just south of the Fernald site (6625-3 and -26).

## Background

The U.S. Department of Energy's Public Environmental Information Center (PEIC) was created to provide convenient public access to documents about cleanup activities at the Fernald site. Convenient access promotes public participation in Fernald's decision-making process. The focal point of the cleanup was the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS). More recently, attention has centered on the post-record-of-decision activities, also known as Remedial Design/Remedial Action. The PEIC is composed of four subsections: the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Administrative Record, the Public Reading Room, Technical Information and the Post-Record-of-Decision Files.



## Administrative Record

The major component of the PEIC is the Administrative Record. The Administrative Record includes documents for each of the RI/FS areas, called operable units, and all interim work, called removal actions. The Administrative Record is the body of documentation that was used to form the basis for selection of particular cleanup responses at the site. Documentation included in the Administrative Record was relied upon when the response actions were being selected. The Administrative Record also includes the documentation of considerations that were ultimately rejected.

## Post-Record-of-Decision File

Finalization of an operable unit's Record of Decision (ROD) marks closure of the Administrative Record and opening of the Post-Record-of-Decision file. This collection also provides convenient access for the public to review and comment on various documents. The Post-Record-of-Decision File includes—but is not limited to—work plans, treatability studies, evaluation of technology studies, design packages (prelimi-



Diana Rayer is one of six full-time staff members available to assist visitors at the PEIC (6625-14).

nary and pre-final), comments and responses to comments and public notices on post-record-of-decision activities and associated documentation.

## Public Reading Room

The Public Reading Room is another division of the PEIC. The Public Reading Room contains information ranging from newspaper clippings to historical photos of the Fernald site. In addition, there are more than 200 videos available for stakeholders to view at the PEIC or in their own homes. The Public Reading Room also contains information on other sites within the DOE complex.

## Technical Information Center

A new addition to the PEIC is Fernald's Technical Information Center. The Technical Information Center was formerly located at the Fernald site and was not conveniently accessible to the public. The Technical Information Center provides:

- Reference materials, such as DOE Orders;
- DOE standards and handbooks;
- Code of Federal Regulations;
- Issues of the *Federal Register*;
- National Fire Codes;
- Ohio Environmental Laws;
- Congressional, State, and Federal Yellow Books;
- Thomas Register;
- American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Codes;
- Ohio Basic Building Code;
- Various environmental and scientific handbooks, journals and periodicals.

## PEIC Services

The PEIC offers many services to patrons, including:

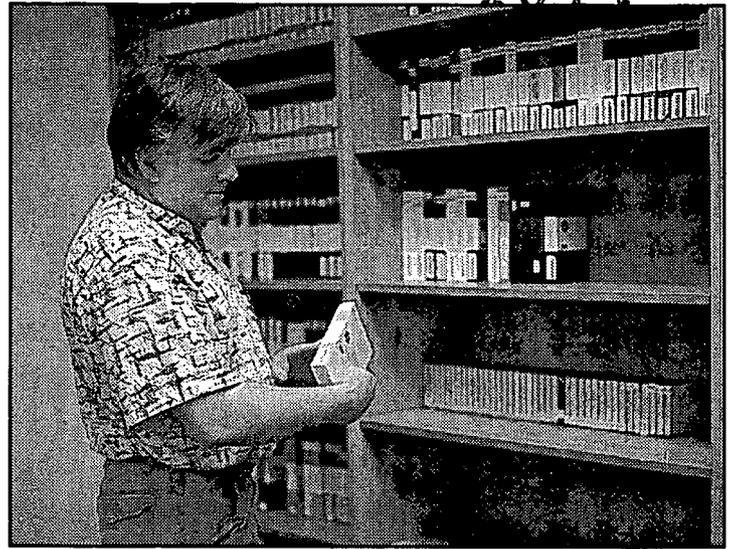
- A copier available for patrons to use at no charge. In some circumstances, copying for patrons may be done by PEIC staff.
- A microfiche reader/printer.

- Two computer stations that provide access to the Internet. One computer station also provides access to real-time radon data, as well as some educational information about radon.



Amy Arcaro, a PEIC staff member, demonstrates one of the computer workstations that is available for stakeholders to use at the PEIC (6625-9).

- A conference room may be scheduled during regular operating hours. The conference room safety accommodates 22 people. The room is equipped with an overhead projector and screen, VCR and monitor, two whiteboards, and a specialized conference call phone.
- Book, video, and report checkout services are available via phone and mail. In some situations, materials may be hand-delivered to patrons. All books, videos, and reports from the Technical Information Center may be viewed in the facility by any patron; however, they may only be checked out by Fernald employees. Technical Information Center documentation may be copied according to applicable copyright laws. Administrative Record, Post-Record-of-Decision File and DOE Reading Room materials may be copied, but not removed under any circumstances.
- Patrons may view videos in a dedicated room. Various videos ranging from waste management to health management are available. Groups of six people (or less) may use the video room; however, the room is available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- The Technical Information Center is the focal point for subscriptions to the most current scientific and



Staff member Lyndon Dees files a new addition to the PEIC video library, which is available to stakeholders (6625-16).

environmental journals and periodicals. Past issues are routed to employees who have requested their names be placed on the routing list. Employees must call the PEIC to have their names added to any routing list.

- WordPerfect for DOS or Windows, Lotus SmartSuite, and Lotus Freelance software packages are licensed for home installation for Fernald employees. Each package may be kept up to three days. Employees can call the PEIC to be placed on the software waiting list.

## Contacts at the PEIC and Technical Information Center

To take advantage of PEIC services, please contact one of the following staff members via the telephone or e-mail:

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**PEIC phone numbers are:** 513-648-7480 or 513-648-7481. **The PEIC's fax number is** 513-648-7490. For more information about the PEIC, please visit **Fernald's Web site** (<http://www.fernald.gov>).