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FCAB UPDATE

Week of October 19, 1998

MEETINGS

FERNALD MONTHLY PROGRESS BRIEFING Services Building Conference Room
Tuesday, November 10, 1998 • 6:30 pm

ON-SITE COMMITTEE Administration Building First Floor
Wednesday, November 11, 1998 • 5:00 pm
Future use issues, Fernald Living History Project

OFF-SITE COMMITTEE Administration Building First Floor
Wednesday, November 11, 1998 • 6:30 pm
Recommendation letters on inter-modal, planning for transportation workshop.

EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE
No meeting scheduled for November

FULL CAB MEETING Large Lab Conference Room (tentative)
Saturday, November 14, 1998 • 8:30 am

FRESH MEETING Venice Presbyterian Church
Thursday, November 19, 1998 • 7:30 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FCAB MEETINGS SETTLING ON ADMINISTRATION BUILDING: the T-38 trailer is proving to be a less than desirable location for meetings due to construction activities and inadequate washrooms. Instead, we will try to hold all meetings in the administration building. There are three conference rooms available, one on the first floor and two on the second floor. Off-site and Efficiency will generally meet in the Executive conference room which is next to Jack Craig's office on the second floor. On-Site will meet in the first floor room to the left of the main lobby.

PICTURE BADGES: FCAB members who do not have picture badges should make arrangements with Tisha Patton (648-5277) to have one made. It only takes a few minutes and will make attending on-site meetings much easier.

ATTACHMENTS

- Draft minutes from 9/12/98 meeting. Please review and comment by 11/9/98.
- Summary of Off-Site Committee Meeting 9/9/98
- On-Site Committee Recommendations for Final Land Use of Fernald
- Revised Organization Chart
- Portman letters
- Crosland letter
- News Articles

NEWS**Rep. Portman Sends Letters on Closure Fund**

In response to our concerns regarding DOE's administration of the Defense Closure Fund, Rep. Portman has sent a number of letters to DOE, OMB, and the appropriate house committees supporting full funding for Fernald and asking for response to our concerns. The letters are attached.

Aesthetic Barrier Project Begins

The installation of trees started on Monday, October 12, 1998 and should be complete shortly. This project is in response to recommendations by the on-site committee last year.

Shipments of Low Enriched Materials to BNFL to Start

Beginning in mid-October, containers of UO3 repackaged through the T-Hopper Project will begin shipment to BNFL in England. One container per truck will be shipped to the Port of Baltimore and then loaded on a vessel to cross the Atlantic. 34 shipments are scheduled to go out in October with the remaining 14 shipments slated for November.

DOE-HQ Identifies Role for High-Schoolers on SSABs

Martha Crosland sent a letter to the DOE field and operations offices regarding possible participation of high school and college students on EM SSAB local site boards. The participation of local high school students at the Intersite Discussions in San Diego and Chicago impressed both DOE and the various attending stakeholders. DOE-HQ is therefore recommending that "intelligent and strongly-motivated young people - including students - should be encouraged to participate on local boards." A copy of the letter is attached.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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Draft 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

Approximately 5 spectators also attended the meeting, including members of the public and representatives from DOE 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 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.

3. 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 Keletsky, 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.

Doug then presented the workshop recommendations so that the entire CAB could review the list. The FCAB discussed each recommendation and

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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.

4. 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.

5. 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 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 behavior continues. DOE agreed to work to prevent similar actions in the future.

6. 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.

7. 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.

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8. 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 Commissoiners. Tom Wagner agreed to contact Ken Moore. Lisa Crawford agreed to contact Sandy Butterfield.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10. 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.

James Bierer, Chair Date
Fernald Citizens Advisory Board

Gary Stegner Date
Designated Federal Official

Fernald CAB Actions on Low Level Waste Workshop Recommendations

Workshop Recommendation	FCAB Proposed Action
Economic	
Provide compensation to communities that will assume increased burdens of low level waste disposal.	Do not support. A balanced approach should be taken in the disposal of all waste which asks each community to do their fair share. Precise equity is not a feasible goal.
Use life cycle cost/benefit analysis to provide a complex-wide perspective to make comprehensive final decisions.	Strong support. The CAB has always taken this approach in its recommendations and wants to see all decisions take into account the big picture of issues.
Make cost one of the main criteria in disposal.	Do not support. Cost is one of many issues to be considered. It is important but will be given its due with good analysis.
Dispose full cost of disposal in disposal decisions.	Agree but believe this is part of effective big picture analysis and decision-making.
Environmental/Safety	
Improve definition and characterization of low level waste.	Support, but do not assign a high priority. Will track progress through the Off-site committee.
Improve communication.	Strong support. The CAB has been making efforts to implement and improve inter-SSAB, inter-site, and site-HQ communication for years and will continue these efforts.
Improve regulation.	Support, but do not assign a high priority. Will track progress through the On-site committee.
Waste minimization.	Strong support. Have made and will continue to recommend waste minimization through On-site committee.
Equity/Inter-State/Tribal/ Environmental Justice	
DOE should follow its own policies.	Support in principal. Would have to take on a case-by-case basis.
DOE should establish definition for equity.	Do not support. Equity extremely important and should be achieved through balanced approaches to decision-making. Single definition just not practical.
Develop a legally-binding mechanism to ensure adequacy of funds to meet DOE commitments.	Do not support because it is impractical. This is a Congressional issue and is not within DOE's control.
System-Wide Considerations	
Creation of a "Super CAB"	Strong support for continued inter-SSAB dialogs and workshops. Willing to host next workshop on Transportation.
Improve effectiveness and integrate DOE programs; maximize closure fund.	Strong support. The CAB has made similar recommendations and will continue to give support at the full CAB level.
Focus for stewardship within DOE.	Strong support. Will track progress through Off-site committee.
Transportation	
Early, meaningful involvement in transportation decision-making.	Strong support. Off-site committee to continue to work on these issues. Will host SSAB transportation workshop in spring.
Clearly defined and consistent policies for national transportation operations.	Strong support. Off-site committee to continue to work on these issues.
Education and information regarding benefits, safety, and risk.	Strong support. Off-site committee to continue to work on these issues.

Topics:

- Silos Project Update
- Video of WRAP Portion of 9/9/98 Cleanup Progress Briefing
- Follow-on to SSAB-Sponsored Low Level Waste Seminar

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**FERNALD
CITIZENS
ADVISORY
BOARD**

Attendees:

CAB members: Lisa Crawford
Doug Sarno
Bob Tabor
Tom Wayner
Gene Willeke

DOE: Nina Akgunduz
Mike Jacobs

Fluor Daniel Fernald: Tisha Patton
Sue Peterman

FRESH: Sandy Butterfield

OEPA: Kelly Kaletsky

FCAB Action Items:

- The full board will evaluate the recommendations resulting from the Low Level Waste Seminar.

Meeting Summary:

Silos 1 and 2 Update

Nina Akgunduz presented the Committee with the Silos Project Update. The Vendors for Silos 1 and 2 are in the process of receiving approval for the Bench-scale testing, which is to be completed in late November/early December. After approval, the Vendors will begin pilot scale testing. This consists of 72-hour continuous operations performance to be completed by January. During this time, the Vendors will be updating Fernald via weekly conference calls and monthly status reports. The tests are open to the public. The sites and vendors are as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Technology</u>	<u>Site</u>
Invitco	Joule-heated Virification	Toledo
Vortec	Non-Joule heated Virification	Pittsburgh
IT Corporation	Cement based stabilization	Oak Ridge
ChemNuclear	Non-Cement based stabilization	South Carolina.

Nina presented a summary of ongoing University/National Laboratories work funded by EM-50 (see attached matrix). Each University/National Lab analyzed physical samples from Silos 1 and 2 using different technologies. The University of Cincinnati (the second box in the matrix) will conduct an independent study of the draft reports from the all the labs and will write a final report consisting of a compilation of the four documents and an Executive Summary. Nina pointed out that these tests were not necessary, however, EM-50 had the funding available and it is a good idea to have independent results to confirm and validate the first screening. The Florida International University report is a rheological and hydraulic report for the accelerated waste retrieval proposals, which is something that the Vendors may find helpful, but will not be in the final report.

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The Accelerated Waste Retrieval proposals for Silos 1 and 2 are due September 21, 1998 (FDF granted them a five week extension). The proposals will be reviewed by Fluor Daniel Fernald (FDF) and then given to the Critical Analysis Team who will review the results of the FDF review. The Critical Analysis Team will send a consent package (recommendation of a vendor) to DOE for approval. This process will take between 30 and 60 days, with the Award date in February.



Silo 3 Update

The lessons learned from this process have been very helpful in identifying the material in Silo 3 for the Vendors and FDF. A total of five drums of auger cores have been removed from the silo and three to five more are expected to be removed. The samples help Vendors determine the chemical composition, density and texture of the materials, which in turn, helps determine which extraction process to use. The proposals are due by October 23 and the award is expected by early spring.

Silos Procurement Schedule

September 21, 1998	October 23, 1998	Late November/early December	January 1999	February 1999	Early spring
Accelerated waste Retrieval proposals for Silos 1 & 2	Final Vendors' Proposals due for Silo 3	Bench-scale testing completed	72-hour continuous operations completed for Silos 1 & 2	Award for Accelerated Waste Retrieval for Silos 1 & 2	Award of Vendor for Silo 3

Waste Pits Remedial Action Project Update

The committee viewed the video prepared for the monthly progress briefing. This video is available for viewing at the PEIC. Doug and Lisa identified their concerns about the lack of disclosure regarding the temporary shutdown of the waste pits project over safety concerns. The group recommended sending a strong message to DOE that these types of events need to be explained in a public forum and the incident will be further discussed at the full CAB meeting.

Follow-on to SSAB-sponsored Low Level Waste Seminar

Doug described the process used at the Seminar and noted that 16 recommendations were developed as a result. Each SSAB ranked each issue based on how important they believed the issue would be to their SSAB whether or not their SSAB was likely to support such a recommendation (5 is most important, 1 is not important). It was decided that the full Board should evaluate each issue and identify the issues for which the FCAB should take a leadership role.

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Gary Stegner
Public Information Director
Fernald Environmental Management Project
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Dear Mr. Stegner:

We are writing in response to the public release of the Environmental Assessment for Proposed Final Land Use at the Fernald Environmental Management Project. The FCAB supports the basic intent to restore the site with a focus on natural resources. This is in keeping with the original recommendations of the FCAB on future use. However, there are a number of concerns and additions we would like to see addressed in the coming months.

First, we are concerned about the ability to create a healthy and self-sustaining ecosystem on land that is robbed of topsoil, vegetation, and nutrients. We understand the financial considerations that were involved in this decision, and are willing to give DOE the leeway to create new wetlands rather than restore the site to something resembling the original grade. However, we believe that establishing working wetlands (particularly one that does not result in a breeding ground for mosquitoes) will be challenging. We hope that DOE and FDF are prepared to do everything possible and engage the appropriate experts in bringing the proposed ecosystem to fruition. If the planned ecosystems prove to be too difficult to implement, DOE must have a backup plan to ensure a natural environment is established consistent with the idea of a natural resource habitat at Fernald.

Second, we believe that all future uses of the site must be consistent with the natural resource focus of the site and the rural nature of the surrounding community. We do not believe that using the proposed 23 acres for ordinary commercial or industrial uses is consistent with this vision or offers anything of lasting value. The CRO studies prove there is no demand for this type of use and the Fernald site is the least likely candidate for such uses given it is in the middle of agricultural and natural resource lands.

Instead, the FCAB believes that it is time to begin shaping a long-term vision for the future of the Fernald site that turns a negative into a positive and creates something of lasting value for the surrounding communities. We are fully in support of continued reinterment of Native American remains on the Fernald site in accordance with the stated

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wishes of numerous federal tribes, and we believe this creates a unique opportunity to turn Fernald into a site of national significance. We would like to see the Fernald site used for a museum, cultural center, and a repository for Fernald documents and Living History project.

A cultural and/or historical center would blend in well with the established long-term uses of the site and create something of national significance and offer broader and longer-lasting value to the community. Also, it would be run by a government or non-profit organization that will be able to take over the long-term stewardship of the Fernald site outside of the OSDF. We recognize that such an endeavor is beyond the current financial and logistical means of the DOE. However, we believe the time is now to begin planning this long-term future and identifying the parties and resources necessary to bring it about.

The On-Site Committee of the FCAB is beginning to discuss the details of this future use plan and will be contacting DOE and FDF shortly. We believe this is one of the most exciting and important things that can happen at the Fernald site and look forward to working together to bring it about.

Sincerely,


James Bierer
Co-Chair, On-Site Committee


Pam Dunn
Co-Chair, On-Site Committee

Cc:
Martha Crosland, EM-52

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COMMITTEE STRUCTURE OF THE FERNALD CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD



STEERING COMMITTEE

Jim Bierer (Chair)
Tom Wagner (Vice Chair)
Lisa Crawford
Pam Dunn
Bob Tabor
Gene Willeke

- Issues:*
- Administrative Issues
 - Agenda
 - Issues Planning
 - Membership
 - Special Projects

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Tom Wagner (Co-Chair)
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Marvin Clawson
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Sandy Butterfield

- Issues:*
- Silos
 - Transportation/
Off-Site Disposal
 - Waste Pits

ON-SITE COMMITTEE

Jim Bierer (Co-Chair)
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Bob Tabor
Carol Schroer
Edwa Yocum

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- D & D
 - Groundwater
 - Monitoring
 - Natural Resources/
Land Use
 - OSDF
 - Recycling
 - Soils

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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September 21, 1998

Mr. James C. Bierer
Chair
Fernald Citizens Advisory Board
407 Marcia Avenue
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Dear Mr. Bierer:

I have received the letter from the Fernald Citizens Advisory Board about the uncertainty of funding for Fernald to ensure that the clean up is accomplished by 2006.

I understand the board's concerns and I share them. As you will note from the enclosed letters, I have brought the board's concerns to the attention of the key funding people in Congress and the Administration, which I believe will be helpful. I will certainly pass along to FCAB any information that I receive in response.

You may be assured of my continued commitment to full funding and the expeditious cleanup of this site. Please be sure to keep me informed of any developments, and let me know how I can continue to be of assistance.

Sincerely,
Rob
Rob Portman
Representative

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September 21, 1998

The Honorable Bill Richardson
Secretary
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have been contacted by the Fernald Citizens Advisory Board (FCAB) which has expressed its concerns about the future funding of the Fernald Environmental Management Project regarding the extent of the Federal government's commitment to the expeditious cleanup of this site.

You will note from the enclosed correspondence that I received from the FCAB, the board is extremely concerned about the uncertainty of the Fernald budget and that reduction of future funding for Fernald would jeopardize the cleanup schedule. One issue involves the expansion of the number of "closure" sites which the board is concerned may mean fewer resources would be available to Fernald.

I am a strong advocate of full funding for the Fernald account to ensure that the remediation of the site is completed by the projected cleanup date of 2006. I would like to request that as OMB and the Department of Energy formulate the budget for Fernald the FCAB's comments be taken under advisement. I would also appreciate any information that you could provide me in response to the concerns raised by the board.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter of tremendous importance to the community, the nation and myself.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable Joseph M. McDade
Chairman Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Enclosure

cc: The Hon. Vic Fazio, Ranking Member, The House Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

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The Honorable Bob Livingston
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

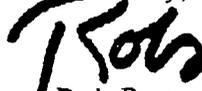
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As you know, I am a strong advocate of full funding for the Fernald account to ensure that the remediation of the site is completed by the projected cleanup date of 2006. I would like to request that the FCAB's comments be taken under advisement, and I would appreciate any information that you could provide me in response to the concerns raised by the board.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter of tremendous importance to the community, the nation and myself.

Sincerely,



Rob Portman
Representative

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cc: The Hon. David Obey, Ranking Member, The House Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Mr. Director:

I have been contacted by the Fernald Citizens Advisory Board (FCAB) which has expressed its concerns about the future funding of the Fernald Environmental Management Project regarding the extent of the Federal government's commitment to the expeditious cleanup of this site.

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I am a strong advocate of full funding for the Fernald account to ensure that the remediation of the site is completed by the projected cleanup date of 2006. I would like to request that as OMB formulates the budget for Fernald the FCAB's comments be taken under advisement. I would also appreciate any information that you could provide me in response to the concerns raised by the board.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter of tremendous importance to the community, the nation and myself.

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: EM-22 (F. Butterfield, 6-8809)

SUBJECT: **PARTICIPATION OF HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS ON EM SSAB
LOCAL SITE BOARDS**

TO:

Distribution

One of the highlights of this summer's *Intersite Discussion Workshops on Nuclear Materials and Waste* held in San Diego, CA and Chicago, IL was the exceptional participation of high school students from the communities which surround the Department's Environmental Management (EM) Field sites. These students were extremely bright, articulate and highly-motivated. In turn, they demonstrated a degree of understanding of the complex technical issues discussed at these intersite workshops which was most impressive to attendees.

Several students inquired about the possibility of their being asked to serve as members of one of the twelve local site boards in existence under the charter of the EM Site-Specific Advisory Board (SSAB). Since 1994, the SSAB, through its local boards associated with the Department's Operations, Field and Area Offices, has provided DOE with invaluable policy information, advice and recommendations on matters related to environmental restoration, waste management, facility stabilization, and science and technology activities.

In order to promote a balanced membership in terms of viewpoints represented from all segments of the communities affected by EM cleanup activities, *intelligent and strongly-motivated young people — including students — should be encouraged to participate on local site-specific advisory boards*. It is recommended that those who are minors (i.e., less than eighteen years of age) be allowed to participate on local site boards as either associate (non-voting) members or observers, with the permission of their parent or legal guardian.

Thank you very much. If you have questions or comments concerning this request, or any other aspect of the EM Site-Specific Advisory Board, please feel free to contact me at (202) 586-5944, or Fred Butterfield of my staff at (202) 586-8809.



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