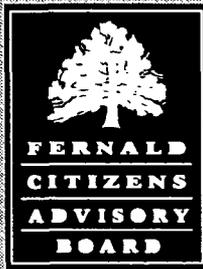


Fernald Citizens Advisory Board



On May 10, 1997, Fernald Citizens Advisory Board members, regulators, and guests toured the Fernald site (6626-1).

Formerly known as the Fernald Citizens Task Force, the Fernald Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) was created in August 1993 by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and Ohio EPA under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

A site-specific advisory board, Fernald's CAB was originally chartered to provide recommendations to DOE, U.S. EPA, and Ohio EPA regarding four specific concerns associated with the Fernald cleanup:

- 1.) What should be the future use of the Fernald site?
- 2.) What residual risk and remediation levels should remain after remediation?
- 3.) Where should waste materials be disposed?
- 4.) What should be the priorities among remedial actions?

Fernald's CAB consists of approximately 15 members including local residents, labor representatives, local government officials, health care professionals, academia, and local business representatives, along with non-voting ex-officio members from DOE, U.S. EPA, Ohio EPA, and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

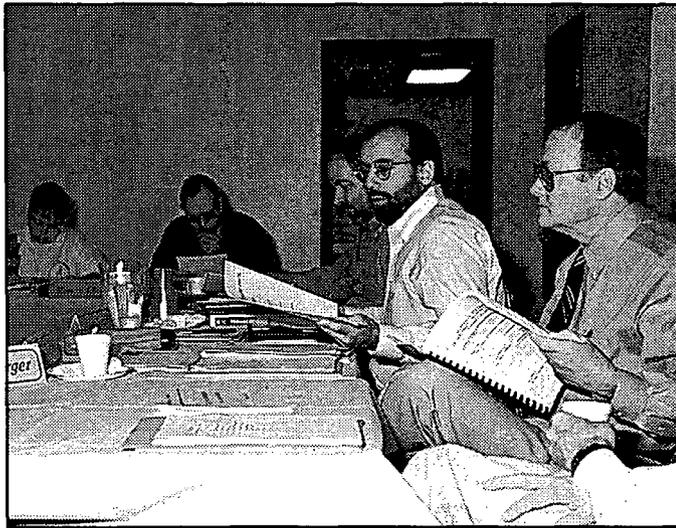
In July 1995, the Fernald CAB completed its first series of formal recommendations by issuing a report titled, *Fernald Citizens Task Force Recommendations on Remediation Levels, Waste Disposition, Priorities, and Future Use*. This report set forth detailed recommendations for remediation levels for groundwater and soils, and also defined the key issues discussed by Fernald CAB members as they made those decisions.

In its report, Fernald's CAB formally presented a recommendation for an On-Site Disposal Facility to be constructed to dispose of low-level radioactive material meeting site-specific waste acceptance criteria. The CAB recommended all other waste materials be shipped off site for disposal. Various conditions and considerations associated with design, monitoring, and long-term maintenance of Fernald's On-Site Disposal Facility were also addressed.

The Fernald CAB detailed certain priorities (such as disposition of special nuclear materials and legacy wastes) and recommended residential or agricultural future uses of the site be avoided. These recommendations were accepted by DOE, U.S. EPA and Ohio EPA.



Jim Bierer, Fernald Citizens Advisory Board vice chair, adds to the discussion during a meeting (6145-49).



The Fernald Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) meets every other month and has a vital interest in ensuring its viewpoints impact decisions made by state and federal governments concerning the Fernald cleanup (6145-46).

In late 1995, the Fernald CAB instituted a new committee structure to enable the group to focus on implementation issues. Four new committees formed including:

- The Waste Management Committee;
- Environmental Monitoring Committee;
- Natural Resources Committee; and
- Waste Transportation Committee.

In 1997, the Efficiency Committee and the Steering Committee (composed of each committee's chairs) also formed.

The Fernald CAB has formally changed its name to the Fernald Citizens Advisory Board to better align itself with other advisory boards across the nation. Fernald's CAB continues to address significant issues associated with the Fernald cleanup.

For More Information...

For more information, please call the Fernald CAB office, 513-648-6478, or visit the "Stakeholders" section of Fernald's Web site (<http://www.fernald.gov>).

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