



Fernald Envoy Program



Mac McCullough, the Envoy to the Morgan Township Trustees, has established a strong relationship with his group and has become a reliable conduit of information between Fernald and the trustees (6711-2).

Fernald Background

The Fernald site is a 1,050-acre facility located about 18 miles northwest of Cincinnati, Ohio. Between 1953 and 1989, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) facility produced uranium metal products for the nation's defense programs. Fernald's products were used in production reactors to make plutonium and tritium at other DOE sites. Uranium metal production was suspended at Fernald in July 1989 to focus resources on environmental restoration. Fluor Daniel Fernald manages all cleanup activities at the site under a contract with DOE. Fluor Daniel Fernald assumed responsibility for the cleanup in December 1992. Fluor Daniel Fernald is a wholly owned subsidiary of Fluor Daniel Inc., a global

engineering, construction and diversified services corporation based in Irvine, Calif.

Fernald's Cleanup Mission

Since production operations were discontinued in 1989, the Fernald work force has been dedicated entirely to environmental restoration and waste management. In December 1989, the site was added to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Priorities List of federal facilities in need of remediation. In February 1991, DOE announced its intention to formally end Fernald's production mission. That closure became effective in June 1991.

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In February 1994, DOE and Fluor Daniel Fernald initiated the Fernald Envoy Program to promote one-on-one communication between Fernald personnel and representatives of local community groups interested in Fernald-related cleanup activities, issues and progress.



Following a tour of the site, Glenn Griffiths, DOE-Fernald Deputy Director, (center), presented Ross Township Trustees, Don Thiem (left) and Tom Willsey (right) with an aerial photo of the FEMP. The trustees were able to speak directly with Fluor Daniel Fernald and DOE decisionmakers and voice their opinions about Fernald (6615-2).

Who Are Fernald Envoys?

DOE and Fluor Daniel Fernald employees serve as envoys to various stakeholder groups, including: local neighbors, business leaders, school officials, environmental groups, regulatory agencies, and elected officials.

The program is designed to facilitate two-way communication and improve Fernald's decision-making process. Fernald Envoys build closer relationships with community groups interested in

Fernald-related activities and issues by providing them with detailed information and listening to their questions and concerns.

Stakeholder feedback is the key to the Fernald Envoy Program's success. Envoys listen to stakeholders' ideas, suggestions, concerns and questions. Envoys then provide this feedback to those involved in making decisions regarding Fernald cleanup activities.

Currently, the program has 29 active envoys, who were selected, based on their interests, leadership qualities, and willingness to spend personal time communicating to stakeholder groups. Encompassing 33 community groups, Fernald's Envoy Program serves the largest, most diverse stakeholder base in the entire DOE complex. Fernald's Envoy Program has been recognized nationally as an innovative means of facilitating two-way communication between decision-makers and stakeholders.



Sitting, from left, are Ed Teets, Tracy Jarvis, Marcia Lang-Canter and Ed Bosse. Standing, from left, are Gary Stegner, Steve Miller, Joel Fink, Rick Emery, David McWilliams and Glenn Griffiths (6675-2).

For More Information...

The Envoy Program is coordinated through the Fluor Daniel Fernald Public Affairs Department. For more information about Fernald's Envoy Program, please call Fernald Envoy Program Manager Julie Doering, 513-648-4069, or send an e-mail message to Julie_Doering@fernald.gov.

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