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Dear Stakeholder:

**DECISION PROCESS FOR PUBLIC USE OF FERNALD**

The Department of Energy (DOE) invites you to a public meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup> to discuss opportunities for stakeholders to participate in the decision process for future public use of Fernald. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Fernald site, 7400 Willey Road off State Route 128 near Ross, Ohio.

In June 1999, DOE determined the final land use of the 1,050 acre site based on input received from stakeholders and regulators. In general, DOE has committed 884 acres of the site for natural resource restoration, 20 acres for ecological research projects, and 128 acres for the On-Site Disposal Facility (OSDF). DOE has also reserved a 23-acre parcel of land for potential development.

Over the next year, DOE will work with stakeholders to determine the future public use of Fernald. Public use refers to activities the general public will be permitted to carry out on Fernald property once cleanup and restoration activities are complete. During the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, DOE will outline the upcoming public involvement process to determine the appropriate type of public use for the restored areas of Fernald, and will introduce the responsible parties and key decision makers.

If you have any questions about the meeting, please contact Gary Stegner, DOE Public Affairs officer at (513) 648-3153, email: [gary.stegner@fernald.gov](mailto:gary.stegner@fernald.gov).

Sincerely,

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