

Fernald Citizens Advisory Board Recommendations**Recomendation 96-2: Recommendations to Natural Resource Trustees (3/14/96)**

March 14, 1996

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Dear Mr. Grumbly:

In accordance with our charter, I am submitting to you recommendations of the Fernald Citizens Task Force concerning the restoration of natural resources at the Fernald site. The primary audience for these recommendations is the Fernald natural resource trustees, and so they do not require any direct action on your part as I am copying all relevant parties. However, if you would like to discuss these recommendations or any other aspect of the Fernald Citizens Task Force, I would be pleased to hear from you at 513-556-0114.

Very truly yours,

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NATURAL RESOURCE PRIORITIES

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The Fernald Citizens Task Force recommends to the natural resource trustees at the Fernald site that the following issues be used as priorities in establishing a comprehensive plan for the protection and restoration of natural resources on site:

- The Task Force supports a holistic view toward protection and replacement of natural resources. We prefer that economic resources be spent actually implementing natural resource activities rather than counting dead trees or placing a dollar value on damage. To this end, we would like to see a clearly identified amount of acreage set aside as a natural preserve to include wetlands, forests, and fields consistent with what is naturally found in the area surrounding the site.

- The Task Force would be dismayed with the prospect of the site becoming a moonscape following the extensive remediation that must take place. We believe that natural resource planning must take place commensurate with remediation to ensure the most complete and rapid restoration of natural resources is conducted. A site-wide grading and landscaping plan needs to be developed to ensure that the final configuration of the site is consistent with the expectations of local stakeholders.

- The most valuable resources on site include the Paddys Run corridor (and west to the site boundary) and the forested wetlands to the north. These should be protected to the maximum degree possible from degradation due to remediation operations, as well as protected from any future site development.

- We recognize that a number of wetlands will be destroyed as a result of remediation activities. Most of these areas are not important to the ecological health of the site. We would seek to have new protected wetlands created on site following remediation of equivalent acreage to that being destroyed.

- We prefer on-site restoration and replacement of site actions natural resources versus off-site actions.

- In seeking areas to replace natural resources, the northern areas of the site, the Paddys Run corridor (and west to the site boundary), and the buffer zone surrounding the disposal facility should be given priority.

- Site enhancements that can be conducted without impacting the cleanup operations should be pursued during the time of remediation to expedite the restoration of natural resources. Particular attention should be paid to restoring the health of (or replacing with heartier native species) the planted pine forests at the northern part of the site.

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Please note: In July, 1997, the Fernald Citizens Task Force changed its name to the Fernald Citizens Advisory Board. Recommendations made before this name change still refer to the Citizens Advisory Board as the Task Force.

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