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RE: COMMENTS - ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION LITERATURE COMPENDIUM FOR THE FEMP

Dear Mr. Reising:

Ohio EPA has reviewed DOE's April 10, 2001 submittal, "Transmittal of the Ecological Restoration Literature Compendium for the Fernald Environmental Management Project." Based upon our review, Ohio EPA has significant concerns with the document and its usefulness for site restoration practitioners. We do not believe it meets the original intent of the project. The document references the development of a web site providing lists of applicable references for those of us working on restoration at Fernald. Ohio EPA believes completing such a web site would be more productive than an attempt to revise the document to an acceptable condition.

Ohio EPA recommends a collaborative effort to develop an electronic bibliography database housed on the Fernald website that could be accessed by all members of the natural resources team (Ohio EPA, DOE, USFWS). Relevant references and web sites along with brief descriptions could be submitted by team members and included in the database. This product would then replace the the "Literature Compendium" submittal.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (937) 285-6466.

Sincerely,

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