



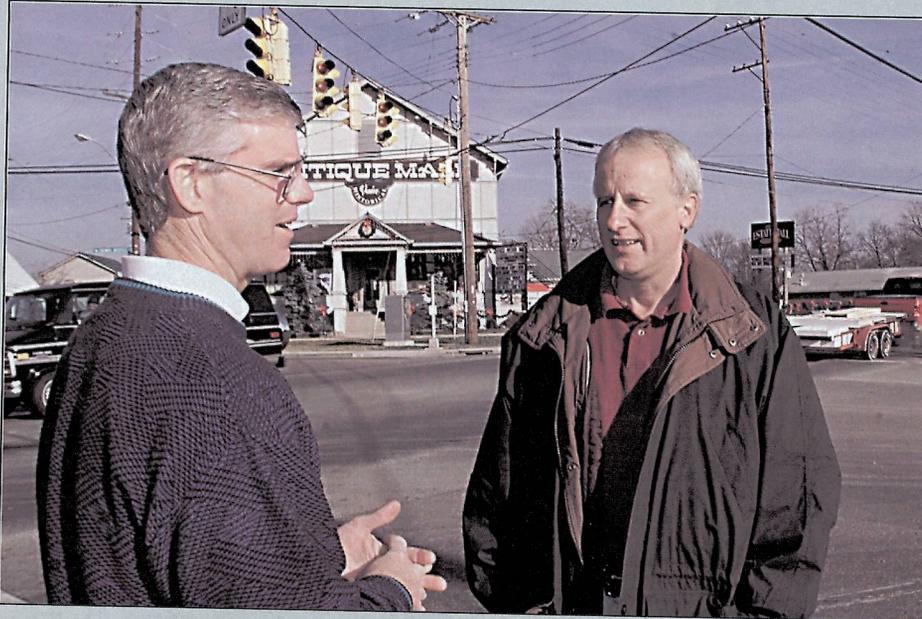
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Fernald Envoy Program



Steve Wentzel, the Envoy to Fernald's local fire departments, keeps communication lines open with Dan Young, chief of Ross Township Emergency Medical Services. (7270D-10).



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, the DOE announced its intention to formally end Fernald's production mission and submitted a closure plan to Congress. Closure became effective in June 1991.

Fernald Envoy Program

In 1994, DOE and Fluor Fernald initiated the first Envoy Program to promote one-on-one communication between Fernald personnel and representatives of local

Fernald Background

The Fernald Environmental Management Project is a 1,050-acre U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) facility located 18 miles northwest of Cincinnati, Ohio. Between 1953 and 1989, Fernald produced uranium metal products for the nation's defense programs. Uranium metal production was suspended at Fernald in July 1989 to focus resources on environmental cleanup.

Fluor Fernald, Inc. has been responsible for managing environmental restoration activities at Fernald under a contract with DOE since December 1992.

Fernald's Cleanup Mission

Since production operations were discontinued in 1989, Fernald's work force has been dedicated exclusively to environmental restoration and waste

community groups interested in Fernald-related cleanup activities. The program was created to break down communication barriers and bring Fernald decision makers and stakeholders together. The program recognizes the value of established relationships between the envoy and the community group. Envoys meet on a monthly basis to be updated on current issues, status of cleanup projects and general site information. They are provided an opportunity to ask questions and to participate in discussions that prepare them to better serve their respective groups. This program has proven successful in reaching and engaging stakeholders on issues important to them.

Who Are Fernald Envoys?

DOE and Fluor Fernald employees serve as envoys to various stakeholder groups, including: Fernald



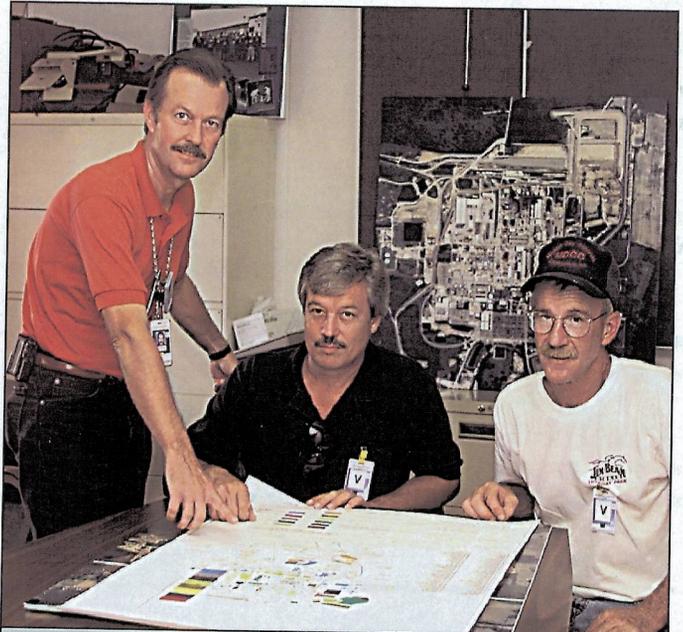
Fernald Envoy Tim Poff (standing far right), has built a strong relationship with retirees and keeps them updated on cleanup progress (6810D-254).

Stakeholder feedback is the key to the Envoy Program's success. Envoys listen to stakeholders and share this feedback with those involved in making decisions regarding Fernald cleanup activities. This feedback is a major factor in arriving at final decisions on issues such as waste disposition, future land use and cleanup standards and priorities.

Envoys are selected based on their interests, leadership qualities and willingness to spend time with their stakeholder groups. The program has been recognized nationally as an innovative means of facilitating communication between the site and the public.

neighbors, local business leaders, labor unions, school officials, environmental groups, regulatory agencies and elected officials. The wide spectrum of groups include Morgan, Ross, Crosby and Reily Township Trustees, Ross Merchants Association, Fernald Residents for Environmental Safety and Health, Sierra Club, Hamilton County Public Works Department, Ross and Southwest Schools and Lakota Local School District.

The role of an Envoy is to be the eyes and ears of Fernald and to provide an information flow with stakeholders. Fernald Envoys build closer relationships with community groups interested in Fernald-related activities and issues by providing them with detailed information about Fernald and listening to their questions, suggestions, opinions, values and concerns.



Johnny Reising, DOE associate director, reviews the updated land use map with Ross Township trustees (6810D-0123).

For more information . . .

Visit the the Fernald Web site (<http://www.fernald.gov>);

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