

**MEETING SUMMARY
FERNALD NATURAL RESOURCE TRUSTEES
SEPTEMBER 20, 2001
S&A CONFERENCE ROOM**

Attendees: Joe Bartoszek (OEPA)
Donna Bohannon (OEPA)
Dave Brettschneider (Fluor Fernald)
Bill Hertle (Fluor Fernald)
John Homer (Fluor Fernald)
Bill Kurey (FWS)
Lee McDaniel (Fluor Fernald)
Tom Schneider (OEPA)
Harold Swiger (Fluor Fernald)
Eric Woods (Fluor Fernald)
Pete Yerace (DOE)

1. The NRTs met at 9:30 in the Lobby of the Administration Building and then proceeded to the Southern Waste Units (SWU) to survey progress of the excavation. A walkdown of the area focused on the excavation in the former turnaround area and the area north of Basin #2. The NRTs discussed the concept for the Final Grading Plan in the Southern Waste Units. The concept includes expanding the floodplain area to include the area north of Basin #2, changing the berms in Basin #1 to allow inflow from Paddys Run and outflow to the excavated turnaround area and leaving existing sandy areas as infiltration ponds to expedite restoration of the Aquifer. It was also decided to leave the deeply eroded, sandy slopes and not attempt to stabilize through grading. It was agreed that the final grading plan could not be completely developed until the remediation work was closer to completion. However, a preliminary grading plan would be developed showing the key concepts outlined by the NRTs and a second walkthrough would be planned later in the fall.
2. The timeline for Final Settlement and the Public Use EA process was discussed by the NRTs. It was agreed by the NRTs that the Public Use EA process would be completed prior to the final settlement agreement. The need to address NEPA and obtain public input on the Public Use decision was discussed by the NRTs. Bill Kurey recommended that stocking lakes and allowing use of the site for fishing should be part of the Restoration Plan at the FEMP. It was agreed that fishing would be removed as a prohibited action in the Public Use EA and the document would remain silent on fishing. Public input would then be considered before making a final decision on the issue.
3. There was agreement between the NRTs that, based on the recent conversations between OEPA Management and senior DOE management, that trails would be included in the scope of restoration work at the FEMP. The NRTs also agreed that trails should include a combination of mulched trails through most restored areas of the FEMP, smaller amount of paved trails for easy access and some boardwalks through wetland areas.

4. Pete Yerace provided an update on Deer Management activities at the FEMP. The use of depredation permits to reduce deer on adjacent property was being finalized for this fall. Pete also proposed the installation of an electric fence, using designs tested at other institutions (e.g., Penn State) around the planting at the radium hot spot. The installation of electric fence in this area would be a first step in evaluating fencing in other areas of the FEMP.
5. A proposal was made by Fluor Fernald to do a Consolidated Monitoring Report for all restored areas on an annual basis, rather than doing separate monitoring reports for each restored areas. A draft outline was presented to the NRTs for consideration and it was agreed that this approach would be used for future restoration monitoring. It was agreed that the annual monitoring report for 2001 would be submitted by the middle of December.
6. A proposal was made by OEPA that prior to construction activities in the STP area, select plants would be flagged and relocated to other restored areas. It was agreed that target plants would be flagged and a walkdown would occur in the next week to decide if the salvage operation would be pursued.
7. OEPA stated that John Mack, Mick Mickochian, and Laura Faye would be visiting the A1PI wetland the Butterfield property on 9/25/01. It was agreed that DOE and Fluor Fernald would be present during the tour.

The meeting was adjourned.