

**MEETING SUMMARY
FERNALD NATURAL RESOURCE TRUSTEES
FEBRUARY 28, 2002
EM CONFERENCE ROOM**

Attendees: Joe Bartoszek (OEPA)
Donna Bohannon (OEPA)
John Homer (Fluor Fernald)
Bill Kurey (FWS) (by phone)
Tom Schneider (OEPA)
Harold Swiger (Fluor Fernald)
Eric Woods (Fluor Fernald)
Pete Yerace (DOE)

1. The NRTs discussed the need to delay soil amendment and seeding in Subarea 1 and 2 of the Borrow Area due to remaining excavation and grading work this spring and summer. Approximately 40% less wood chips than anticipated were generated from the chipping of the Northern Pines and none would be available for soil amendment in the Borrow Area. The NRTs agreed that organic soil amendment should be purchased in the summer and incorporated into the Borrow Area Soil. The NRTs agreed that seeding could be delayed until fall as long as a commitment to final grading activities, including changes in the existing drainage channels formed this past fall to match the design, are completed by early summer.
2. The plan for the completion of chipping in the Northern Pines was discussed by the NRTs. The quantity of chips generated from the Northern Pines will be approximately 60% of the planned quantity due to the poor condition of the Austrian Pines. Hauling of chips would only occur to the SWU and soil amendment would be purchased and imported into the Borrow Area as noted above. The NRTs agreed that the Northern Pines should be seeded this spring and then mowing should occur in early summer to control weeds. Selective herbicide can be applied to the Pines in the fall if needed for additional weed control prior to fall planting work.
3. The plan for restoration work in the SWU was discussed by the NRTs. The grading and stabilization of the expanded floodplain area and installation of the access roadway will be completed this spring. The limited availability of plant material for the spring restoration work will result in only five patches in the Active Flyash Pile and Riparian area being planted this spring. The NRTs agreed that soil amendment in the upland portion of the SWU could wait until late summer to allow curing time for the wood chips and then planting and seeding would be completed this fall.
4. The NRTs discussed plans for maintenance activities in the wetland and other restored areas, including plans for herbicide applications in the A8PI Prairie and the A8PII Savanna. DOE's continued concern over controlled burns at the FEMP was also briefly discussed and it was agreed that controlled burns would not be an option this spring.

5. Pete Yerace briefly discussed DOE's position on the NRRP and Settlement Negotiations regarding DOE desire to complete all work by the Site Completion Date to the other NRTs. The NRTs expressed concern over changes in the NRRP and Settlement Negotiations that appear to be moving backwards and undermining progress made to date. It was agreed that the NRRP should be submitted formally to the NRTs and then the respective legal councils should become involved in further negotiations.
6. The use of Fluor Fernald internet based software "eDesk" as a tool to expedite getting information to the NRTs and accelerating Restoration Design Plans was discussed by the NRTs. Ron Baker of Fluor Fernald presented an overview of the eDesk system and discussed the features and capabilities of the software. An introduction to the Restoration Community was provided and the NRTs agreed that it would be an excellent tool for use in Restoration work at the FEMP. The process to access the eDesk community was provided to the NRTs and they are planning to join the Restoration Community in the next week.
7. An overview of the presentation for the Public Meeting on Future Public Use of the FEMP for later that evening was provided by Eric Woods. The NRTs had specific comments and questions regarding the relationship of the Master Plan with the NRRP and Restoration Design Plans. The NRTs had no major concerns about the presentation, but did state that comments would be provided at the meeting that night.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:45 pm.