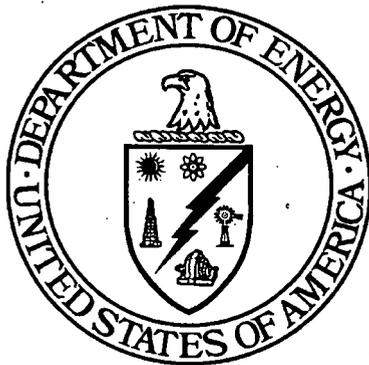


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**LIST OF ACRONYMS**

a.k.a.	also known as
ARARs	applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
DOE	U.S. Department of Energy
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
FFCA	Federal Facility Compliance Agreement
g	gallons
HWMU	Hazardous Waste Management Unit
IC Plan	Institutional Controls Plan
IEMP	Integrated Environmental Monitoring Plan
IMP Plan	Impacted Materials Placement Plan
LCS	leachate collection system
LDS	leak detection system
LMICP	Comprehensive Legacy Management and Institutional Controls Plan
mg/kg	milligram per kilogram
m	meter
mm.	millimeter
NPL	National Priorities List
OAC	Ohio Administrative Code
OEPA	Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
OSDF	on-site disposal facility
OU	operable unit
PCCIP	Post-Closure Care and Inspection Plan
pCi/g	picoCuries per grams
PVC	polyvinyl chloride
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
RI/FS	remedial investigation/feasibility study
ROD	record of decision
SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, as amended
TBCs	to-be-considered criteria
WACs	waste acceptance criteria

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Post-Closure Care and Inspection Plan (PCCIP) covers the Fernald site's on-site disposal facility (OSDF) and its associated buffer area after the last cell of the OSDF has been closed and covered. This plan has been developed to address reasonably expected circumstances, which may arise during the post-closure care period, or legacy management of the Fernald site. Other relevant key concepts addressed by this PCCIP are: ownership; access controls and restrictions; deed and/or use restrictions; environmental monitoring; inspections (scheduled, unscheduled, and contingency); custodial maintenance; contingency repair; corrective actions; emergency notification and reporting; modifications to this plan; and public involvement.

### 1.1 PLAN SCOPE AND DURATION

This PCCIP establishes the inspection, monitoring, and maintenance activities necessary to ensure the continued proper performance of the OSDF. The period covered by this PCCIP begins after the last cell of the OSDF has been closed and covered. The facilities and structures covered under this PCCIP include:

- Security system (e.g., fences, gates, warning signs)
- Permanently surveyed benchmarks
- OSDF runoff/runoff controls
- OSDF final cover (referred to as the "cap").

As specified in the records of decision (RODs) and in accordance with appropriate regulations, the initially established duration of the post-closure care period is 30 years, subject to potential future modification, as discussed in Section 11.0 (Ohio solid waste rule OAC 3745-27-14(A) in lieu of federal solid waste regulation 40 CFR §258.61(a), and Ohio hazardous waste rules OAC 3745-66-17 and 3745-68-10 in lieu of federal hazardous waste regulations 40 CFR §§265.117(a)(1) and 264.117(a)(1), respectively). Care and maintenance of the OSDF is expected to continue in perpetuity.

### 1.2 PLAN ORGANIZATION

The remainder of this plan is organized as follows:

- a description of the parties responsible for this plan and the plans related to this plan are presented in the remainder of Section 1.0
- the requirements pertinent to this plan are addressed in Section 2.0
- final site conditions at closure of the OSDF are addressed in Section 3.0
- institutional controls and points of contact are addressed in Section 4.0
- environmental monitoring is addressed in Section 5.0

- routine scheduled inspections are addressed in Section 6.0
- unscheduled inspections are addressed in Section 7.0
- custodial maintenance and contingency repair are addressed in Section 8.0
- corrective actions are addressed in Section 9.0
- emergency notification and reporting are addressed in Section 10.0
- modifications to this plan are addressed in Section 11.0
- public involvement is addressed in Section 12.0
- references are presented in Section 13.0.

### 1.3 RESPONSIBLE PARTIES

The governing document for the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) response actions at the Fernald site is the Amended Consent Agreement between the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region V, signed in September 1991. As such, responsibility for the implementation of the PCCIP lies with DOE, as the lead agency responsible for CERCLA activities at the Fernald site, and with EPA, as the oversight agency. The DOE Fernald Area Office has the ultimate authority for ensuring that the post-closure care of the OSDF meets all the goals, standards, specifications, and requirements of this PCCIP.

### 1.4 RELATED PLANS

Several other support plans have been prepared for the OSDF remedial action project and should be used in conjunction with this plan, or referred to for information on how impacted materials were placed into the OSDF. The other plans containing information relevant to this plan are listed below with a brief statement of the relationship to this plan.

- Permitting Plan and Substantive Requirements for the On-site Disposal Facility (DOE 1998): identifies the administrative and substantive requirements for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit, and the substantive requirements for all of the operable units' (OUs) on-site disposal needs for the Wetlands Nationwide Permit, the Ohio Solid Waste Permit to Install, and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Permit; additionally, discusses how the requirements relate to the OSDF, presents the plan for compliance with the requirements, and discusses additional applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements (ARARs) that are not related to the issuance of a specific permit.
- OSDF Construction Quality Assurance Plan (GeoSyntec 2001a): contains procedures used to evaluate soils and other features of the OSDF liner and final cover system.

- OSDF Impacted Materials Placement Plan (GeoSyntec 1996): outlines waste acceptance criteria (WACs) for the OSDF, and contains procedures used to place the impacted materials into the OSDF.
- OSDF Surface Water Management and Erosion Control Plan (GeoSyntec 2001b): provides details of permanent erosion and sediment controls and surface water controls for the OSDF, including maintenance requirements for channels and sediment controls.
- OSDF Groundwater/Leak Detection and Leachate Monitoring Plan (DOE 2005b): provides details on the leak detection monitoring program for the OSDF, addressing monitoring both within the OSDF in the leachate collection system (LCS) and leak detection system (LDS), and the underlying groundwater in the till immediately underneath the OSDF and the groundwater in the Great Miami Aquifer.
- Systems Plan, Collection and Management of Leachate for the On-site Disposal Facility (DOE 2001): describes the inspection, monitoring, and maintenance activities that will be undertaken at the Fernald site to collect and manage leachate collected from the OSDF.
- Integrated Environmental Monitoring Plan (IEMP) (DOE 2005a): defines the environmental monitoring and reporting requirements.

In addition, this PCCIP is used as a support document for the Comprehensive Legacy Management and Institutional Controls Plan (LMICP). The LMICP describes the long-term operations and maintenance of the Fernald site during legacy management and discusses the institutional controls that will be in place to help ensure the protectiveness of the remedy, thus ensuring the protectiveness of human health and the environment.

## 2.0 PERTINENT REQUIREMENTS

### 2.1 OVERVIEW

Regulatory and other requirements pertinent to this plan primarily take the form of ARARs and to-be-considered criteria (TBCs) as determined by the ROD for each of the various Fernald site OUs, functional requirements, and general design criteria. These are addressed in the following subsections.

### 2.2 PERTINENT REQUIREMENTS

ARARs and TBCs that should be addressed by this plan are provided here, in Table 2-1, as obtained from the Final Record of Decision for Remedial Actions at Operable Unit 2 (DOE 1995a), the Final Record of Decision for Remedial Actions at Operable Unit 5 (DOE 1996a), and the Operable Unit 3 Record of Decision for Final Remedial Action (DOE 1996b), as identified by the X in the appropriate column. Additional regulatory requirements that are appropriate guidance for development or maintenance of this plan have been identified and are indicated by an X in the Permitting Plan and Substantive Requirements for the On-site Disposal Facility (DOE 1998) column but no X in the previous columns.

**TABLE 2-1  
 APPLICABLE OR RELEVANT AND APPROPRIATE REQUIREMENTS  
 AND TO-BE-CONSIDERED CRITERIA**

#	Title	Requirements	OU2 ROD	OU3 ROD	OU5 ROD	OSDF Permitting Plan
<b>PLANS</b>						
1	Ohio Municipal Solid Waste Rules – Sanitary Landfill Facility Permit to Install Application OAC 3745-27-06(C)(7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare a post-closure plan as detailed in OAC 374-27-11(B)</li> <li>• Prepare a leachate monitoring plan to ensure compliance with OAC 3745-27-19(M)(4)</li> <li>• Prepare a leachate contingency plan as required by OAC 3745-27-19(K)(6)</li> <li>• Prepare a groundwater detection monitoring plan as required by OAC 3745-27-10, and if applicable a groundwater quality assessment plan and/or corrective measures plan required by OAC 3745-27-10.</li> </ul>	X	X	X	X
2	Ohio Municipal Solid Waste Rules – Final Closure of Sanitary Landfill Facility OAC 374-27-11(B)	<p>The owner shall prepare a post-closure plan which shall contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The name and location of the facility and unit(s) included in the plan</li> <li>• A description of the post-closure activities</li> <li>• The name, address, and telephone number of the person or office to contact regarding the unit(s) of the facility during the post-closure care period. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) shall be notified of any changes.</li> </ul>			X	X
3	Ohio Hazardous Waste Interim Standards Rules – Post-Closure Plan: Amendment of Plan OAC 3745-66-18(A) and (C)	<p>The owner of a hazardous waste disposal unit shall have a written post-closure plan, which shall identify the activities that will be carried on after closure of each unit and the frequency of those activities, and include at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A description of the planned monitoring activities and frequencies at which they will be performed</li> <li>• A description of the planned maintenance activities and frequencies at which they will be performed, to ensure (a) the integrity of the cap and final cover or other containment systems, and (b) the function of the monitoring equipment</li> <li>• The name, address, and telephone number of the person or office to contact about the hazardous waste disposal unit or facility during the post-closure period.</li> </ul>				X

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#	Title	Requirements	OU2 ROD	OU3 ROD	OU5 ROD	OSDF Permitting Plan
<b>CLOSURE AND POST-CLOSURE OBJECTIVES</b>						
4	Ohio Municipal Solid Waste Rules – Final Closure of a Sanitary Landfill Facility OAC 3745-27-11(H)	At final closure of a landfill facility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All land surfaces shall be graded to prevent ponding of water where solid waste has been placed. Drainage facilities shall be provided to direct surface water from the landfill facility.</li> <li>A groundwater monitoring system shall be designed and installed in accordance with OAC 3745-27-10, if a system is not already in place.</li> </ul>	X	X		X
5	Ohio Municipal Solid Waste Rules – Final Closure of a Sanitary Landfill Facility OAC 3745-66-11(O)	Closure of the sanitary landfill facility must be completed in a manner that minimizes post-closure formation and release of leachate...to surface water to the extent necessary to protect human health and the environment.	X	X		X
6	Ohio Hazardous Waste Interim Standards Rules – Closure Performance Standard OAC 3745-66-11	The owner shall close his facility in a manner that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimizes the need for further maintenance</li> <li>Controls, minimizes, or eliminates to the extent necessary to protect public health and the environment, post-closure escape of hazardous waste, hazardous constituents, leachate, contaminated runoff, or hazardous waste decomposition products to the groundwater, or surface waters, or to the atmosphere</li> <li>Complies with closure requirements.</li> </ul>		X	X	X
7	Ohio Hazardous Waste Landfill Rules – Closure and Post-closure OAC 3745-68-10(A) (in lieu of 40 CFR § 265.310(a))	At final closure of the landfill...the owner or operator must cover the landfill...with a final cover designed and constructed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide long-term minimization of migration of liquids through the closed landfill</li> <li>Function with minimum maintenance</li> <li>Promote drainage and minimize erosion or abrasion of the cover</li> <li>Accommodate settling and subsidence so that the cover's integrity is maintained</li> <li>Have a permeability less than or equal to the permeability of any bottom liner system or natural subsoil present.</li> </ul>		X	X	X

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#	Title	Requirements	OU2 ROD	OU3 ROD	OU5 ROD	OSDF Permitting Plan
8	Ohio Municipal Solid Waste Rules – Operational Criteria for a Sanitary Landfill Facility OAC 3745-27-19-(J)(1) and (4)	Surface water shall be diverted from areas where solid waste has been deposited. The facility shall be designed, constructed, maintained, and provided with surface water control structures, as necessary, to control runoff and runoff of surface water to ensure minimal infiltration of water through the cover material and cap system, and minimal erosion of the cover material and cap system. If ponding or erosion occurs on areas of the landfill facility where solid waste had been deposited, action will be taken to correct the conditions causing the ponding or erosion.	X	X	X	X
9	Ohio Municipal solid Waste Rules – Operational Criteria for a Sanitary Landfill Facility OAC 3745-27-19(E)(26)	The integrity of the engineered components of the landfill facility shall be maintained and any damage to, or failure of, the components shall be repaired.	X	X	X	X
<b>DURATION OF POST-CLOSURE CARE PERIOD</b>						
10	Ohio Municipal Solid Waste Rules – Post-Closure Care of Sanitary Landfill Facilities OAC 3745-27-14(A) (in lieu of RCRA Subtitle D)	Following completion of final closure activities in accordance with OAC 3745-27-11, post-closure care activities shall be conducted at the sanitary landfill facility for a minimum of 30 years.	X	X	X	X
11	Ohio Hazardous Waste Interim Standards Rules – Post-Closure Care and Use of Property OAC 3745-66-17(A) (in lieu of 40 CFR §265.117(a)(1))	Post-closure care...must begin after completion of the unit and continue for 30 years after that date, unless shortened or extended by the Director [of the OEPA, a.k.a. the Ohio Director of Environmental Protection] in accordance with OAC 3745-66-18(G) (40 CFR §265.117(a)(2)).  Note: Identified in OU5 ROD as applicable only to existing Hazardous Waste Management Units (HWMUs).			X	
12	Ohio Municipal Solid Waste Rules – Post-Closure Care of Sanitary Landfill Facilities OAC 3745-27-14(A)(1) and (2) (in lieu of RCRA Subtitle D)	Post-closure care activities for all sanitary landfill facilities shall include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continuing operation and maintenance of the leachate management system, surface water management system...and the groundwater monitoring system</li><li>• Maintaining the integrity and effectiveness of the cap system, including making repairs to the cap system as necessary to correct the effects of erosion and preventing runoff and runoff from eroding or otherwise damaging the cap system.</li></ul>	X	X	X	X

**TABLE 2-1  
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#	Title	Requirements	OU2 ROD	OU3 ROD	OU5 ROD	OSDF Permitting Plan
<b>DURATION OF POST-CLOSURE CARE PERIOD (Continued)</b>						
13	Ohio Hazardous Waste Interim Standards Rules – Post-Closure Care and Use of Property OAC 3745-66-17(A)(1) (in lieu of 40 CFR §265.117(a)(1))	<p>Post-Closure care...must consist of at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring and reporting</li> <li>• Maintenance and monitoring of waste containment systems.</li> </ul> <p>Note: Identified in OU5 ROD as applicable only to existing HWMUs.</p>			X	
14	Ohio Hazardous Waste Landfill Rules – Closure and Post-Closure OAC 3745-68-10(B) (in lieu of 40 CFR §265.310(b))	<p>After final closure, the owner or operator must comply with post-closure requirements, including maintenance and monitoring throughout the post-closure care period. The owner or operator must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain the integrity and effectiveness of the final cover, including making repairs to the cap as necessary to correct the effects of settling, subsidence, erosion, or other events</li> <li>• Continue to operate the leachate collection and removal system until leachate is no longer detected</li> <li>• Maintain and monitor the leak detection system</li> <li>• Maintain and monitor the groundwater monitoring system</li> <li>• Prevent runoff and runoff from eroding or otherwise damaging the final cover</li> <li>• Protect and maintain surveyed benchmarks.</li> </ul>		X	X	X
15	Ohio Hazardous Waste Landfill Rules – Closure and Post-Closure OAC 3745-68-10(D) (in lieu of 40 CFR §265.310(b))	<p>During the post-closure period, the owner of a hazardous waste landfill must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain the function and integrity (integrity and effectiveness) of the final cover</li> <li>• Maintain and monitor the leachate collection, removal and treatment system...to prevent excess accumulation of leachate in the system</li> <li>• Protect and maintain surveyed benchmarks.</li> </ul>		X	X	X

**TABLE 2-1  
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#	Title	Requirements	OU2 ROD	OU3 ROD	OU5 ROD	OSDF Permitting Plan
<b>MODIFICATIONS TO POST-CLOSURE CARE PLAN OR PERIOD</b>						
24	Ohio Hazardous Waste Interim Standards Rules – Post-Closure Plan; Amendment of Plan OAC 3745-66-18(D)	The owner may amend the post-closure plan any time during the active life of the facility or during the post closure period.				X
25	Ohio Hazardous Waste Interim Standards Rules – Post-Closure Plan; Amendment of Plan OAC 3745-66-18(G)	The post-closure plan and length of the post-closure care period may be modified any time prior to the end of the post-closure care period. A modification of the post-closure plan may include, where appropriate, the temporary suspension rather than permanent deletion of one or more post-closure care requirements. At the end of specified period of suspension, the Director [of the OEPA, a.k.a. the Ohio Director of Environmental Protection] would then determine whether the requirements should be permanently discontinued or reinstated to prevent threats to human health and the environment.				X
<b>PROPERTY USE RESTRICTIONS</b>						
26	Ohio Hazardous Waste Interim Standards Rules – Post-Closure Care and Use of Property OAC 3745-66-17(C) (in lieu of 40 CFR §265.117(c))	Post-closure use of property on or in which hazardous wastes remain after partial or final closure must never be allowed to disturb the integrity of the final cover, liner(s), or any other component of the containment system, or the function of the facility’s monitoring systems, unless the Director [of the OEPA, a.k.a., Ohio Director of Environmental Protection] approves otherwise.  Note: Identified in OU5 ROD as applicable only to existing HWMUs.  Note: If clean closure is performed then post-closure care is not required.			X	
27	Ohio Hazardous Waste Landfill Rules – Closure and Post-Closure OAC 3745-68-10(D)(5)	During the post-closure period, the owner of a hazardous waste landfill must restrict access to the landfill as appropriate for its post-closure use.		X	X	X

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#	Title	Requirements	OU2 ROD	OU3 ROD	OU5 ROD	OSDF Permitting Plan
<b>PROPERTY USE RESTRICTIONS (Continued)</b>						
28	Ohio Municipal Solid Waste Rules – Final Closure of a Sanitary Landfill Facility OAC 3745-27-11-(H)(5)(a)	The owner shall file – with the board of health having jurisdiction with the county recorder of the county in which the facility is located, and with the Director [of OEPA, a.k.a. the Ohio Director of Environmental Protection] – a plat of the unit(s) of the sanitary landfill facility and information describing the acreage, exact location, depth, volume and nature of the solid waste deposited in the unit(s) of the sanitary landfill facility.		X		X
29	Ohio Hazardous Waste Interim Standards Rules – Survey Plat OAC 3745-66-16	The owner shall submit – to the local zoning authority, or the authority with jurisdiction over local land use, and to the Director [of the OEPA, a.k.a. the Ohio Director of Environmental Protection] – a survey plat, prepared and certified by a professional land surveyor, indicating the location and dimensions of landfill cells or other hazardous waste disposal units with respect to permanently surveyed benchmarks. The plat must contain a note, prominently displayed, which states the owner’s obligation to restrict disturbance of the hazardous waste disposal unit in accordance with OAC 3745-66-17(C).		X		X
30	Ohio Hazardous Waste Interim Standards Rules – Post-Closure Notices OAC 3745-66-19(A)	The owner shall submit – to the local zoning authority, or the authority with jurisdiction over local land use, and to the Director [of the OEPA, a.k.a. the Ohio Director of Environmental Protection] – a record of the type, location, and quantity of hazardous wastes disposed of within each cell or disposal unit of the facility.				X
<b>DEED NOTATION</b>						
31	Ohio Municipal Solid Waste Rules – Final Closure of a Sanitary Landfill Facility OAC 3745-27-11(H)(5)(b)	The owner shall record a notation on the deed to the sanitary landfill facility property, or on some other instrument which is normally examined during title search, that will notify in perpetuity any potential purchaser of the property that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The land has been used as a sanitary landfill facility</li> <li>• Includes information describing acreage, exact location, depth, volume, and nature of solid waste deposited in the sanitary landfill facility.</li> </ul>	X	X		X

**TABLE 2-1  
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#	Title	Requirements	OU2 ROD	OU3 ROD	OU5 ROD	OSDF Permitting Plan
<b>DEED NOTATION (Continued)</b>						
32	Ohio Hazardous Waste Interim Standards Rules – Post-Closure Notices OAC 3745-66-19(B)	<p>The owner shall record, in accordance with state law, a notation on the deed of the facility property, or on some other instrument which is normally examined during title search, that will notify in perpetuity the potential purchasers of the property that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The land has been used to manage hazardous wastes</li> <li>• Its use is restricted under the Ohio Administrative Code closure and post-closure rules</li> <li>• The survey plat and record of the type, location, and quantity of hazardous wastes disposed of within each cell or hazardous waste unit of the facility as required by OAC 3745-66-16 and 3745-66-19(A) have been filed with the local zoning authority or the authority with jurisdiction over local land use and with the Director [of the OEPA, a.k.a. the Ohio Director of Environmental Protection].</li> </ul>				X
33	Ohio Hazardous Waste Interim Standards Rules – Post-Closure Notices OAC 3745-66-19(C)	<p>If the owner or any subsequent owner of the land upon which a hazardous waste disposal unit was located wishes to remove hazardous wastes and hazardous waste residues in satisfaction of the criteria in OAC 3745-66-17(C), the owner may request that the Director [of the OEPA, a.k.a. the Ohio Director of Environmental Protection] approve either or the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The removal of the notation on the deed to the facility property or other instrument normally examined during title search</li> <li>• The addition of a notation to the deed or instrument indicating the removal of the hazardous waste.</li> </ul>				X

**TABLE 2-1  
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#	Title	Requirements	OU2 ROD	OU3 ROD	OU5 ROD	OSDF Permitting Plan
<b>OTHER DOE CRITERIA</b>						
34	Disposal Site Closure/Post-Closure DOE Order 5820.2A, Chapter III(3)(j)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During post-closure, residual radioactivity levels for surface soil shall comply with existing DOE decommissioning guidelines.</li> <li>• Inactive disposal facilities, disposal sites, and disposal units shall be managed in conformance with RCRA, CERCLA, and SARA.</li> <li>• Corrective measures shall be applied to new disposal sites or individual disposal units if conditions occur or are forecasted that could jeopardize attainment of the performance objectives [of the unit].</li> <li>• Termination of monitoring and maintenance activity at closed facilities or sites shall be based on an analysis of site performance at the end of the institutional control period.</li> </ul>	X	X	X	
35	Environmental Monitoring DOE Order 5820.2A, Chapter III(3)(k)	<p>Each non-operational low-level waste disposal facility shall be monitored by an environmental monitoring program that conforms with DOE Order 5484.1 (DOE 1990a) and, at a minimum, meets the requirements listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The environmental monitoring program shall be designed to measure: (a) operational effluent releases; (b) migration of radionuclides; (c) disposal units subsidence; (d) changes in disposal facility and disposal site parameters which may effect long-term site performance.</li> <li>• Based on the characteristics of the facility monitored, the environmental monitoring program may include, but not necessarily be limited to, monitoring: (a) surface soil; (b) air; (c) surface water; and (d) subsurface soil and water, both in the saturated and unsaturated zones.</li> <li>• The monitoring program shall be capable of detecting changes in trends in performance far enough in advance to allow application of necessary corrective action before exceeding performance objectives. The monitoring program shall be able to ascertain whether or not effluents from each treatment or disposal facility or disposal site meets the requirements of applicable DOE Orders.</li> </ul>	X	X	X	

### 2.3 FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The Final Design Criteria Package (GeoSyntec 1997) contains a variety of functional requirements that have been established for the OSDF. The functional requirements pertinent to this plan are:

- protect the OSDF from damage caused by precipitation and stormwater runoff and runoff
- route runoff and runoff to designated diversion channel locations for appropriate management
- discharge surface water to existing watercourses in accordance with applicable regulatory and DOE requirements.

The surface water management system should be maintained such that it will continue to perform in a manner that meets the project requirements for long-term conditions (i.e., after site physical completion). The system should prevent stormwater runoff to the OSDF and uncontrolled storm water runoff from the OSDF. Features of the long-term surface water management system were constructed to require minimal monitoring and maintenance. The system was integrated, to the extent possible, with existing topography, features, and facilities.

### 2.4 GENERAL DESIGN CRITERIA

The OSDF Design Criteria Package also identifies a number of general design criteria for the OSDF. The general design criteria pertinent to this plan are:

- long-term erosion and sediment control features for the OSDF were designed for the 2,000-year, 24-hour storm event (design criterion for assumption of a DOE Performance Category 2 facility)
- long-term runoff/runoff control structures for the OSDF were designed to limit interruption and damage (i.e., washout) of the OSDF in the 2,000-year, 24-hour storm event (design criterion for assumption of a DOE Performance Category 2 facility); runoff should be controlled and diverted away from and around the OSDF using swales, channels, or diversion berms.

### 2.5 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the requirements contained in the OSDF Design Criteria Package, other requirements that have been incorporated into this plan are:

- disturbed areas should be stabilized (i.e., vegetated) after the area has been reconstructed to final grade
- general practices for inspection and maintenance of erosion and sediment control features should be as recommended by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Soil and Water Conservation document entitled, "Rainwater and Land Development: Ohio's Standards for Storm Water Management, Land Development, and Urban Stream Protection" (ODNR 1996), or its most current revision.

Other criteria relevant to this plan consist of those industry standard practices that have proven effective at other waste disposal facilities. Inspection and monitoring requirements from the manufacturers and suppliers of material and equipment installed at the OSDF are also criteria relevant to this plan.

### 3.0 FINAL SITE CONDITIONS

#### 3.1 SITE HISTORY

In July 1986, the DOE and the EPA signed a Federal Facilities Compliance Agreement (FFCA), addressing impacts to the environment associated with the federally operated site known as the Fernald Environmental Management Project (now the Fernald Closure Project). The DOE agreed to conduct the FFCA investigation as a remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) in accordance with guidelines of CERCLA. In November 1989, the Fernald site was included on the National Priorities List (NPL) of the EPA. The FFCA was later amended by the June 1990 Consent Agreement between DOE and EPA, which was further modified by amendment in September 1991.

In accordance with the September 1991 Amended Consent Agreement, EPA approved and signed the OU2 ROD on June 8, 1995; the OU5 ROD on January 31, 1996; and similarly, the OU3 ROD for Final Remedial Action on September 24, 1996. The design approach for the OSDF is presented in the Final Remedial Design Work Plan for Remedial Actions at OU2 (DOE 1995b), which was submitted to the EPA in August 1995 and subsequently approved in November 1995. The design of the OSDF, as currently developed, is presented in the Final Design Criteria Package; On-site Disposal Facility (GeoSyntec 1997). The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA), which has been actively participating throughout the CERCLA response process, also has concurred with the documentation and decisions to date.

The OSDF is being constructed to permanently contain impacted materials derived from the remediation of the OU at the Fernald site. All material placed in the OSDF is required to meet OSDF WACs. The OU2 ROD established radiological WACs of 346 picoCuries per gram (pCi/g) of uranium-238 or 1,030 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg) total uranium for all soil and soil-like impacted material destined for the OSDF. Similarly, the OU5 ROD established additional radiological and chemical WACs for OU5 soils destined for the OSDF. The OU3 ROD established radiological WACs for debris materials destined for the OSDF of 105 grams technetium-99. These radiological/chemical WACs have been compiled and presented in Table 3-1. The impacted materials sent to the OSDF from OU3 may also include small material contributions from OUs 1 and 4. Any material from these latter OU destined for the OSDF met the OU3 WACs. In addition to the radiological/chemical WACs discussed above, the Impacted Materials Placement Plan (GeoSyntec 1996) presents physical WACs for the OSDF.

TABLE 3-1

ON-SITE DISPOSAL FACILITY  
WASTE ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA

Constituent of Concern	Soil <sup>a</sup>		Debris <sup>b</sup>
	OU2	OU5 <sup>d</sup>	OU3
<b>Radionuclides:</b>			
1		3.12 x 10 <sup>9</sup> pCi/g	105 g
2		5.67 x 10 <sup>10</sup> pCi/g	
3		29.1 pCi/g	
4	346 pCi/g		
	Total Uranium	1,030 mg/kg	
<b>Inorganics:</b>			
5		1.04 x 10 <sup>3</sup> mg/kg	
6		5.66 x 10 <sup>4</sup> mg/kg	
<b>Organics:</b>			
7		9.03 x 10 <sup>-1</sup> mg/kg	
8		7.27 x 10 <sup>4</sup> mg/kg	
9		2.89 mg/kg	
10		2.44 x 10 <sup>-2</sup> mg/kg	
11		3.92 x 10 <sup>5</sup> mg/kg	
12		11.4 mg/kg	
13		11.4 mg/kg	
14		4.42 x 10 <sup>-2</sup> mg/kg	
15		128 mg/kg	
16		1.06 x 10 <sup>5</sup> mg/kg	
17		128 mg/kg	
18		1.51 mg/kg	

<sup>a</sup>maximum concentration

<sup>b</sup>maximum total mass

<sup>c</sup>RCRA-based constituent of concern

<sup>d</sup>constituents which have established maximums which serve as WACs; other compounds which will not exceed designated Great Miami Aquifer action levels within 1000-year performance period, regardless of starting concentration in the OSDF, are not listed.

Sources:

OU2 ROD (DOE 1995a)

OU3 ROD (DOE 1996b)

OU5 ROD (DOE 1996a)

The volume of this impacted material destined for disposal in the OSDF is estimated as 2.9 million cubic yards (2.2 million cubic meters) bank/unbulked. Approximately 80 percent of this volume is expected to consist of impacted soil, with the remainder being building demolition rubble, fly ash, lime sludge, municipal solid waste, and small quantities of miscellaneous other materials. After soil and soil-like material, debris from demolition of buildings in the former production area is expected to constitute the largest volume of impacted material for OSDF disposal. The OU3 ROD indicates that impacted debris can be assigned to one of ten material categories. Only material from seven of these categories is to be disposed in the OSDF. The seven material categories of impacted debris allowed for disposal in the OSDF are presented in Table 3-2, which also gives descriptions of the materials making up the categories.

The quantities presented above are best current estimates, and are expected to change as actual remediation progresses. Therefore, it is anticipated that this subsection will be revised in January 2006 after closure of the final phase/cell of the OSDF to present updated actual volumes (refer to Section 12.0), as well as to correct to past tense.

### 3.2 LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF THE OSDF AREA

A pre-design investigation was performed to define the most suitable location for the OSDF within an identified area at the Fernald site, based on the OU2 and OU5 RI/FSs. The results of that investigation are presented in the Pre-design Investigation and Site Selection Report for the On-site Disposal Facility (DOE 1995c). That report, its objectives, and its results are summarized below.

The identified best area is located on the east side of the Fernald site property and measures approximately 2000 feet east to west by 5300 feet north to south. This location is considered the best location for an OSDF because it has the greatest thickness of gray clay, which provides a protective layer over the underlying Great Miami Aquifer. Fate and transport modeling and risk assessments in the OU2 and OU5 feasibility studies have shown that a disposal facility in this area, based on a feasible facility design and a 12-foot thick gray clay layer, would be protective of human health and the environment. The identified best area is bounded on the north, east, and south using the OEPA siting requirements (buffer from property line and water supply wells). The western boundary incorporates areas with greater than 12 feet of gray clay, with the exception of the northern portion of the west boundary line, which was determined based on identification of sand lenses within the gray clay.

Based on planning meetings between DOE, EPA, and OEPA, the pre-design investigation had the three objectives (identified in Table 3-3). Results of the pre-design investigation served as the basis for selecting the location within the identified best area for siting the OSDF. The selected location,

**TABLE 3-2**  
**OU3 MATERIAL CATEGORIES AND DESCRIPTIONS**

Category A Accessible Metals	Category B Inaccessible Metals	Category D Painted Light Gauge Metals	Category E Concrete	Category G Non-regulated Asbestos-Containing Material	Category H Regulated Asbestos-Containing Material	Category I Miscellaneous Materials
Structural and miscellaneous steel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doors</li> <li>• Conduit/wire/cable tray</li> <li>• Electrical wiring and fixtures</li> <li>• Electrical transformers</li> <li>• Miscellaneous electrical items</li> <li>• HVAC equipment</li> <li>• Material handling equipment</li> <li>• Process equipment</li> <li>• Miscellaneous equipment</li> <li>• Piping</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ductwork</li> <li>• Lead flashing</li> <li>• Louvers</li> <li>• Metal wall and roof panels</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asphalt</li> <li>• Slabs</li> <li>• Columns</li> <li>• Beams</li> <li>• Foundations</li> <li>• Walls</li> <li>• Masonry</li> <li>• Clay piping</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ceiling demolition</li> <li>• Feeder cable</li> <li>• Fire brick</li> <li>• Floor tile</li> <li>• Transit wall and roof panels</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ductwork insulation</li> <li>• Piping insulation</li> <li>• Personal protective equipment</li> <li>• Copper scrap metal pile</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PVC conduit</li> <li>• Basin liners</li> <li>• Fabric</li> <li>• Drywall</li> <li>• Building insulation</li> <li>• Miscellaneous debris</li> <li>• Personal protective equipment</li> <li>• PVC piping</li> <li>• Roofing build-up</li> <li>• Process trailers</li> <li>• Non-process trailers</li> <li>• Windows</li> <li>• Wood</li> </ul>

Source: Table 4-2, OU3 Material Categories/Description, OU3 ROD (DOE 1996b).  
 Note: Only those seven material categories allowed for on-site disposal per the OU3 ROD are presented.

**TABLE 3-3**

**PRE-DESIGN INVESTIGATION OBJECTIVES AND FIELD COMPONENTS**

#	Objective	Field Components
1	Identify the most suitable hydrogeology within the identified best area	Verification of the gray clay thickness Identification of interbedded granular material
2	Verify protection of human health and the environment	Verification of existing vertical and horizontal uranium contamination  Actual uranium solubility Uranium retardation Lateral and vertical gradients Background concentrations of uranium in water in the vadose zone
3	Develop field information for the design of the OSDF	Location and extent of interbedded granular material Obtain geotechnical information in the footprint of the OSDF

measuring 800 feet east to west by 4300 feet north to south, provides suitable space for the anticipated 2.5 million cubic yards of impacted materials and meets applicable OEPA siting requirements. The gray clay thickness is greater than the minimum 12-foot thickness established in the OU2 ROD (DOE 1995a) for protection of the Great Miami Aquifer; the gray clay is actually greater than 15 feet thick within the selected location and approximately 75 percent of the selected location has a 20–50 foot thickness of gray clay. The investigation identified minimal amounts of interbedded granular material and none that would offer a rapid migration pathway through the gray till.

**3.3 OSDF AS-BUILT**

The design approach for the OSDF is presented in the document OU2 remedial design work plan. The design approach of the OSDF, as currently developed, is presented in the document Final Design Criteria Package; On-site Disposal Facility (GeoSyntec 1997). The design of the OSDF includes a liner system, impacted material placement, final cover system, leachate management system, surface water management system, and other ancillary features.

After closure of the final cell/phase of the OSDF, as-built conditions will be documented with a set of as-built record drawings (and possibly photographs). These drawings will be developed by DOE or its contractor, and will be used to prepare the topographic map discussed in the next paragraph. This information will illustrate baseline conditions for comparison to future conditions during the post-closure

period. These drawings may be used to document changes in the physical site conditions of the OSDF over time, and to develop a corrective action plan, if required.

The final OSDF site map will be compiled from a final topographic map of the Fernald site. The final topographical survey will be conducted in accordance with the standards of the Manual of Photogrammetry (ASPRS 1980). It is anticipated that the following specifications will be used in developing the map, in accordance with the appropriate regulations (Ohio solid waste rules OAC 3745-27-06(B)(2) and 3745-27-11(H)(5)(a), and Ohio hazardous waste general new facility rule OAC 3745-54-18 and hazardous waste interim status facility rule OAC 3745-66-16):

- a scale of 1 inch = 200 feet (1 mm = 2.4 m)
- a contour interval of 5 ft (1.5 m)
- a coverage area of the OSDF site and a distance of 1,000 ft
- north arrow displayed

In addition to existing topography, it is anticipated that the maps will define the following:

- property lines of the land owned by the DOE
- limits of impacted material placement
- outline of the toe and crest of the OSDF
- the individual phases/cells of the OSDF
- OSDF site property boundaries, fences, gates, and access roads
- location and extent of permanent storm water runoff and runoff control features
- vegetation, streams, lakes, springs, and other surface waters
- survey control stations/benchmarks
- permanent site surveillance features (e.g., monuments, markers, signs)
- wetlands (if any) within the limits of impacted material placement and within 200 ft of the limits of impacted material placement
- limits of a regulatory floodplain (i.e., 100-year floodplain as depicted on a federal insurance administration flood map, as per OAC 3745-27-01 and 3745-54-18(B))
- site coordinate system
- existing residences, land uses, zoning classifications, property ownership, political subdivisions, and communities
- underground utilities (sewers, water lines, electric cables), field tiles, french drains, pipelines
- location (if any) within 200 ft of the limits of impacted material placement of any fault which has had displacement in Holocene time (OAC 3745-54-18(A))
- all public and private water supply wells within 2000 ft of the limits of impacted material placement (using a scale insert if necessary), and the current status of each, including depth, use, and where applicable, abandonment date, based on publicly available information.

These as-built drawings will be submitted to the EPA and OEPA (refer to Section 11.2). The map will serve as the base map for site inspections. A new, separate site map will be prepared for field use during a site inspection. The map will be revised as needed to indicate changes noted after each inspection; at a minimum, the map will be revised as part of the CERCLA five-year review. Note that DOE plans to update the information under the last bullet above regarding water supply wells only during the CERCLA five-year reviews. When the OSDF map is updated, the revised map will include the year of revision, the revision number, and the type of the activity or event, which triggered the need for the revision.

All drawings, disposal site map, and photographs will be archived. DOE will be responsible for maintaining and archiving these maps, drawings, and photographs, as part of the OSDF permanent record.

#### 3.4 OSDF BASELINE PHOTOGRAPHS

A photographic record of the final conditions after closure of the final cell of the OSDF will be included and maintained in the OSDF permanent site file. This record is anticipated to consist of a series of aerial and ground photographs that will provide a baseline visual record of final site construction and final site conditions to complement the as-built drawings. In particular, this set of aerial photographs is anticipated to provide a permanent record of site conditions, enabling future inspectors to monitor changes in site conditions (e.g., erosion patterns, vegetation changes, and land use) over time. The need for new aerial photographs will be evaluated at five-year intervals, beginning with the first five-year review. Table 3-4 summarizes the anticipated specifications for the aerial photographs.

#### 3.5 SITE INSPECTION PHOTOGRAPHS

Photographs will be taken during site inspections to document conditions at the OSDF and its surrounding permanent features. These photographs will provide a continuous record for monitoring changing conditions over time. The photographs can be compared with the baseline photographs to monitor site integrity.

Each photograph will be recorded individually on a site inspection photo log. An appropriate description of the feature photographed will be entered into the log. If possible, a photograph will include a reference point such as a survey monument, boundary monument, site marker, or monitoring well.

For specific areas where a photograph is used to monitor change over time, the distance from the feature and the azimuth should be recorded, and all subsequent photographs should be taken from the same orientation to provide an accurate picture of changing conditions. This information will be provided on the inspection checklist and photo log.

Copies of the site inspection photographs and the photo log will be included in the annual site inspection report. All site inspection photographs taken, as well as all corresponding photo log forms, will be maintained in the permanent OSDF file.

The following site features should be documented with photographs every scheduled inspection of the OSDF site:

- permanent site surveillance features
- fences, gates, access roads, perimeter roads, and paths
- toe drains
- the OSDF (top, sides, buffer area, surrounding area) panoramic sequences of photographs from selected vantage points may be used for this purpose
- any evidence of erosion (e.g., gullies, rivulets, rills) that the inspector considers significant and includes in the text of the inspection log book
- any off-OSDF features that may affect the OSDF in the future and that the inspector considers significant and includes in the text of the inspection log book
- vegetation (OSDF topslope, sideslope, and buffer area)
- OSDF topslope and sideslope
- erosion protection material (rip-rap)
- survey control points for local coordinate system.

Any new or potential problem areas identified during a site inspection will be documented with photographs. Photographs will also be taken to record developing trends and to allow inspectors to make reasonable decisions concerning additional inspections, custodial maintenance or repairs, or corrective action.

**TABLE 3-4**  
**AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY SPECIFICATIONS**

Area to be photographed	Final disposal site plus a minimum of 0.25 mi (0.4 km) beyond its boundaries unless site conditions require otherwise.
Products to be delivered	<p>One set of vertical color, infrared stereo contact prints;          glossy, double-weight, not trimmed;          9" x 9" (230 mm x 230 mm);          Scale: 1 inch = 200 ft (1 mm = 2.4 m) (1:2,400)</p> <p>Index map showing flight lines and frame numbers;          Scale: 1 inch = 1,000 ft (1:12,000)</p> <p>One set of natural color, low oblique photographs taken from a minimum of two different angles with 90 degree rotation. If 35mm or 70mm film used, glossy double-weight 8" x 10" enlargements; if 9" x 9" format used, glossy double-weight contact prints.</p>
Flight date	To be determined; mid to late summer, at peak of photosynthetic response of vegetation, unless the flight is to be used exclusively for topographic mapping.
Camera	<p>Vertical photos: Precision, 9" x 9" (230 mm x 230 mm) format.</p> <p>Oblique photos: A 35-millimeter (single lens reflex) or larger format camera is acceptable.</p>
Film	<p>Vertical photos: Eastman-Kodak Aerochrome Infrared 2443 or its equivalent</p> <p>Oblique photos: Eastman-Kodak Aerocolor Negative Film 2445 or its equivalent</p>
Filter	<p>Infrared (vertical) photos: Wratten No. 12 or No. 15</p> <p>Color (oblique) photos: Skylight</p>
Flight line coverage	60 percent end overlap; 30 percent average side overlap
Ground control	Control stations will be second order, Class 1, for horizontal control, and third order for vertical control (standard U.S. Geological Survey map accuracy specifications)

#### 4.0 INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS AND POINTS OF CONTACT

##### 4.1 INTRODUCTION

As indicated in Sections 1.1 and 1.2 of the Institutional Controls Plan (IC Plan), this section will discuss the institutional controls that will be in place for the OSDF and its buffer area during the post-closure care period (legacy management). The IC Plan is the enforceable governing document for institutional controls and the PCCIP provides the supporting details for that plan. Table 4-1 presents a compilation of the institutional controls for the OSDF and its buffer area as identified in the OU2 ROD, and in the OU5 ROD. Environmental monitoring (item 5), inclusive of groundwater monitoring (item 4), is discussed in Section 5 of this plan. This plan, in total, addresses the maintenance program (item 6). The following sections discuss the remaining items.

TABLE 4-1

##### INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS AS KEY COMPONENTS IN THE RODs

#	Component	OU2 ROD	OU5 ROD
<b>INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS</b>			
1	Ownership	The selected remedy will include the following as institutional controls: "continued federal ownership of the [OSDF] site" <sup>2a</sup>	"Institutional controls, such as ..." <sup>5a</sup>  "property ownership will be maintained by the federal government of the area comprising the [on-site] disposal facility and associated buffer areas" <sup>5b</sup>
2	Access controls/ Restrictions	"access restrictions (fencing)" <sup>2a</sup>	"access controls" <sup>5a</sup>
3	Deed notations/ use restrictions	"restrictions on the use of property will be noted on the property deed before the property could be sold or transferred to another party" <sup>2c</sup>	"deed restrictions" <sup>5a</sup> ; "if portions of the Fernald property [outside the disposal facility area] are transferred or sold at any future time, restrictions will be provided in the deed, and proper notifications will be provided as required" <sup>5b</sup>
4	Groundwater monitoring program	"groundwater monitoring" <sup>2a</sup> ... "following closure of the on-site disposal facility" <sup>2b</sup>	See entry 5 below, but not identified as an institutional control
<b>OTHER KEY COMPONENTS OF THE SELECTED REMEDY</b>			
5	Environmental Monitoring program	See entry 4 above.	"long-term environmental monitoring program" <sup>5a</sup>
6	Maintenance program	"maintenance of the on-site disposal facility" <sup>2b</sup>	"maintenance program to ensure the continued protectiveness of the remedy" <sup>5a</sup>

<sup>2a</sup>Declaration, Description of the Selected Remedy, p. D-2, OU2 ROD (DOE 1995a)

<sup>2b</sup>Decision Summary, Section 9.1 Key Components, p. 9-2, OU2 ROD (DOE 1995a)

<sup>2c</sup>Responsiveness Summary, Section 3.0 Summary of Issues and Responses, Issue 7 C Future Use/Ownership, p. RS-3-33, OU2 ROD (DOE 1995a)

<sup>5a</sup>Declaration Statement, Description of the Selected Remedy, p. D-ii, OU5 ROD (DOE 1996a)

<sup>5b</sup>Decision Summary, Section 9.1 Key Components, p. 9-18, OU5 ROD (DOE 1996a)

**4.2 POINTS OF CONTACT**

Points of contact by either the name or position title, address, and telephone number of the person or office to contact about the OSDF during the post-closure care period are provided in Table 4-2, in accordance with appropriate regulations (Ohio solid waste rule OAC 3745-27-11(B)(3) in lieu of federal solid waste regulation 40 CFR §258.61(c)(2), and Ohio hazardous waste rules OAC 3745-66-18(C)(3) and 3745-68-10 in lieu of federal hazardous waste regulations 40 CFR §§265.118(c)(3) and 264.118(b)(3), respectively). Table 4-2 presents the primary point of contact (entry 1), a backup point of contact (entry 2), and an emergency contact number that is accessible 24 hours a day (entry 3). These points of contact will serve to ensure that access to the facility will be possible for appropriate authorized personnel after closure and in the case of emergency. An updated copy of this plan will be maintained at each of the locations identified in Table 4-2.

Due to the duration of the post-closure period, DOE anticipates that the points of contact are likely to change over time. DOE will notify the regulatory agencies of any changes to the points of contact via modification to this PCCIP, likely as change pages to this section (refer to Section 12.0).

**4.3 OWNERSHIP**

As presented in item 1 of Table 4-1, property ownership of the area comprising the OSDF and its associated buffer areas will be maintained by the federal government (e.g., DOE, or a successor federal agency).

**4.4 ACCESS CONTROLS/RESTRICTIONS AND SECURITY MEASURES**

As long as the federal government maintains property ownership, access to the OSDF will be restricted by

**TABLE 4-2  
 POINTS OF CONTACT**

	<b>Title of Contact</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Mailing Address</b>	<b>Shipping Address</b>
1	DOE Site Manager	(513) 648-3101	DOE Fernald Area Office P.O. Box 538704 Cincinnati, OH 45253-8704	DOE Fernald Area Office 7400 Willey Road Fernald, OH 45030
2	DOE Ohio Field Office Contact			Not applicable
3	DOE Grand Junction 24-hour number	877-695-5322		

means of fences, gates, and warning signs. Access to those areas within the fencing will be controlled by DOE authorization, and is anticipated to be limited to personnel for inspection, custodial maintenance, or corrective actions. The fences, gates, and warning signs are covered by the inspection and custodial maintenance components of the post-closure care program implemented under this PCCIP (refer to Sections 7.0 and 9.0).

To provide additional security, a warning sign with the following information will be placed on the access gates to the OSDF:

- the name of the site
- the international symbol indicating the presence of radioactive material
- a notice that trespassing is forbidden on this U. S. Government-owned site
- a DOE 24-hour telephone number (entry 3 in Table 4-2); this same 24-hour telephone number will be recorded in agreements with local agencies to notify the DOE in the event of an emergency or breach of site security or integrity.

In addition to the entrance sign, signs mounted on fence posts at approximately equal spacing around the OSDF perimeter will display the following information:

- the international symbol indicating the presence of radioactive material
- a notice that trespassing is forbidden on this U. S. Government property.

The effectiveness of site security measures (e.g., fence condition, locked gate, etc.) will be monitored through routine scheduled site inspections (refer to Section 7.0).

#### 4.5 DEED NOTATIONS AND USE RESTRICTIONS

If ownership of a portion or portions of the Fernald site is transferred to another federal entity in the future, real estate restrictions will be included in the deed, and proper notifications will be provided as required by the appropriate rules and regulations. A preliminary draft of such notice in deed is provided below in Table 4-3, along with information extracted from the appropriate rules and regulations presented side by side to facilitate understanding of development of that notice. Note that specifics and the exact language appropriate to the specific parcels of property will need to be developed and inserted at the time of such recording of deed notice.

In such an event, signed certification that the notation in the deed has been recorded will be submitted to the EPA Regional Administrator and the Ohio Director of Environmental Protection in accordance with appropriate regulations (Ohio solid waste rule OAC 3745-27-11(H)(5) in lieu of federal solid waste regulation 40 CFR §258.60(I), and Ohio hazardous waste rules OAC 3745-66-19(B) and 3745-68-10 in lieu of federal hazardous waste regulations 40 CFR §§265.119(b)(1) and 264.119(b)(1)) accompanied by a copy of the document in which the notation has been placed.

**TABLE 4-3**  
**NOTICE IN DEED OR OTHER TRANSFER INSTRUMENT**

Ohio Solid Waste Rules OAC 3745-27-11(H)(5)	Ohio Hazardous Waste Rules OAC 3745-66-16 and 19 and 3745-68-10(B)	CERCLA CERCLA §120(h)	Fernald site
<p>The owner is required to submit – to the local zoning authority, or the authority with jurisdiction over local land use, and to the board of health having jurisdiction, and to the Director – a survey plat showing the units(s) of the sanitary landfill facility and information describing the acreage, exact location, depth, volume, and nature of the solid waste deposited in the units(s) of the sanitary landfill facility.</p>	<p>The owner is required to submit – to the local zoning authority, or the authority with jurisdiction over local land use, and to the director – a survey plat, prepared and certified by a professional land surveyor, indicating the location and dimensions of landfill cells or other hazardous waste disposal units with respect to permanently surveyed</p>	<p>Whenever any agency, department, or instrumentality of the United States enters into any contract for the sale or other transfer (e.g., lease) of real property owned by the United States and on which any hazardous substance was stored for one year or more, known to have been released, or disposed of, that agency, department or instrumentality shall include in such contract or instrument – to the extent such information is available on the basis of a complete search of agency files – (i) notice of the type and quantity of such hazardous substances, (ii) notice of the time at which such storage, release, or disposal took place, and (iii) a description of the remedial action taken, if any.</p>	
<p>The owner is required to record a notation on the deed to the sanitary landfill property, or on some other instrument, which is normally examined during title search, that will notify in perpetuity any potential purchaser that the land has been used as a sanitary landfill facility. The notation shall include information as described above regarding the requirement for filing the survey plat.</p>	<p>The owner is required to record a notation on the deed to the facility property, or on some other instrument which is normally examined during title search, that will notify in perpetuity the potential purchasers that: (a) the land has been used to manage hazardous wastes; (b) its use is restricted under OAC closure and post-closure rules; and (c) the survey plat and record of the type, location, and quantity of hazardous wastes disposed of within each cell or hazardous waste disposal unit of the facility has been filed as per above.</p>		

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NOTICE IN DEED	SAMPLE NOTICE IN DEED To Whom It May Concern:	NOTICE IN TRANSFER INSTRUMENT	SAMPLE NOTICE IN TRANSFER INSTRUMENT To Whom It May Concern:
	<p>I, (owner or operator), the undersigned, or (street address), City of (city), County of (county), State of (state), hereby give the following notice, as required by Ohio Administrative Code hazardous waste rules 3745-66-19(A) and (B) and 3745-68-10(B) – in lieu of 40 CFR §§265.119(b)(1) and 264.119(b)(1), respectively.</p>		<p>I, (owner or operator), the undersigned, or (street address), City of (city), County of (county), State of (state), hereby give the following notice, as required by Ohio Administrative Code solid waste rule 3745-27-11(H)(5), and as required by Ohio Administrative Code hazardous waste rules 3745-66-19(B) and 3745-68-10(B) – in lieu of 40 CFR §§264.119(b)(1) and 265.119(b)(1), respectively – and as required by CERCLA §120(h).</p>
	<p>1. I am, and since month, day, year, have been in possession of the following described lands (legal description).</p>		<p>1. I am, and since month, day, year, have been in possession of the following described lands (legal description).</p>
	<p>2. Since (month, day, year), I have disposed of hazardous chemical wastes on/in the land described above under the terms of the Ohio Administrative Code rules, and regulations promulgated by the EPA.</p>		<p>2. Between (month, year) and (month, year), remedial actions have been conducted on the property which have disposed of materials consisting primarily of soils and building debris containing asbestos containing materials, chemical hazardous substances and radiological hazardous substances, under the terms of regulations promulgated by the EPA on/in the above described land.</p>

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	<p>3. The future use of the land described above is restricted under the terms of Ohio Administrative Code hazardous waste rules 3745-66-17(C) and 3745-68-10 – in lieu of 40 CFR §265.117 (c) and 264.117(c); the post-closure use of the identified property must never be allowed to disturb the integrity of either the containment system or the facility's monitoring system, unless the EPA Regional Administrator or the Director of OEPA [a.k.a. the Ohio Director of Environmental Protection] determines that the proposed use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will not increase the potential threat to human health or the environment, or</li> <li>• Is necessary to reduce the threat to human health or the environment.</li> </ul> <p>4. Any and all future users of the land shall inform themselves of the requirements of the regulations and ascertain the amount and nature of wastes disposed of on/in the property described above.</p>		<p>3. The future use of the land described above used for disposal is restricted under the terms of Ohio Administrative Code hazardous waste rules 3745-66-17(C) and 3745-68-10 – in lieu of federal hazardous waste regulations 40 CFR §§265.117(c) and 264.117(c). The post-closure use of such property must never be allowed to disturb the integrity of either the on-site disposal facility's containment system or monitoring system, unless the EPA Regional Administrator and/or the Ohio Director of Environmental Protection determines that the proposed use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will not increase the potential threat to human health or the environment, or</li> <li>• Is necessary to reduce the threat to human health or the environment.</li> </ul> <p>4. Any and all future users of the land shall inform themselves of the regulations and ascertain the amount and nature of remediation wastes/impacted materials disposed of on/in the property described above.</p>

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NOTICE IN DEED	SAMPLE NOTICE IN DEED	NOTICE IN TRANSFER INSTRUMENT	SAMPLE NOTICE IN TRANSFER INSTRUMENT
<p>File a survey plat with each of the following, showing the unit(s) of the sanitary landfill facility and information describing the acreage, exact location, depth, volume, and nature of the solid waste deposited in the unit(s) of the sanitary landfill facility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Name and address of local zoning authority, or authority with jurisdiction over local land use</li> </ul>	<p>5. I have filed a survey plat with each of the following, showing the location and dimensions of the disposal facility and its individual units, and a record of the type, location and quantity of waste material disposed within each unit of the disposal facility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Name and address of local zoning authority, or authority with jurisdiction over local land use</li> </ul>		<p>5. I have filed a survey plat with each of the following, showing the location and dimensions of the on-site disposal facility and its individual sells/phases, and a record of the type location and quantity of remediation waste/impacted material disposed within the on-site disposal facility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Butler county Recorder's Office 130 High Street Hamilton, Ohio 45001 (513) 887-3409</li> <li>Hamilton County Recorder's Office ATTN: Registered Land Recordings 138 E. Court Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 (513) 632-8336</li> <li>Butler County Health Department ATTN: Environmental 202 S. Monument Street Hamilton, Ohio 45001 (513) 887-5228</li> <li>Hamilton County Environmental Health Division 11499 Chester Road, Suit 1500 Sharonville, Ohio (513) 326-4500</li> <li>Ohio Department of Health Chief, Bureau of Radiological Protection 246 N. High St. Columbus, Ohio 43266-0149 (614) 644-2727</li> </ul>

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NOTICE IN DEED	SAMPLE NOTICE IN DEED	NOTICE IN TRANSFER INSTRUMENT	SAMPLE NOTICE IN TRANSFER INSTRUMENT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ohio Director of Environmental Protection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional Administrator of EPA Region 5</li> <li>Ohio Director of Environmental Protection</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EPA Region Administrator 77 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604-3590</li> <li>Ohio Director of Environmental Protection 1800 Watermark Drive P.O. Box 1049 Columbus, Ohio 43266-0149</li> </ul>
		<p>A covenant warranting that—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All remedial action necessary to protect the human health and the environment with respect to any such hazardous substances remaining on the property has been taken before the date of such transfer, and</li> <li>Any additional remedial action found to be necessary after the date of such transfer shall be conducted by the United States.</li> </ul>	<p>A covenant warranting that—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All remedial action necessary to protect the human health and the environment with respect to any such hazardous substances remaining on the property has been taken before the date of such transfer, and</li> <li>Any additional remedial action found to be necessary after the date of such transfer shall be conducted by the United States.</li> </ul>

## 5.0 ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

### 5.1 INTRODUCTION

Two primary elements of environmental monitoring are associated with the OSDF post-closure care period, namely air monitoring and groundwater monitoring. This section describes the focus and scope of the plans for monitoring these two primary environmental media.

### 5.2 AIR MONITORING

The environmental air monitoring at the Fernald site is performed on a sitewide basis under the IEMP. The air emission monitoring program for the OSDF during the post-closure care period—the air monitoring stations, analytical parameters, sampling frequency, equipment, procedures, and analytical methods—will be presented in a future revision to the IEMP in order to provide data for annual 40 CFR Part 61 National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants Subpart H reporting and for other annual site environmental reporting.

It is anticipated that data will be collected under that ongoing program during at least a portion of the OSDF post-closure care period from air monitoring stations located on the property in the vicinity of the OSDF, near the Fernald site fenceline, and at several off-property locations in nearby communities. That monitoring program has been developed in response to DOE Orders 5400.1 and 5400.5 (DOE 1990b, DOE 1993) and is currently presented in the IEMP. Some air monitoring locations may require relocation to accommodate changes in site conditions due to remediation activities. Any such location-based modifications will be addressed in the IEMP.

### 5.3 GROUNDWATER MONITORING

Groundwater monitoring for the OSDF is currently presented in the OSDF Groundwater/Leak Detection and Leachate Monitoring Plan (DOE 2005). The focus of that plan is the leak detection monitoring program for the OSDF, addressing monitoring both within the OSDF (in the LCS and LDS) and the underlying groundwater (in the till layer immediately underneath the OSDF and the groundwater in the Great Miami Aquifer). Although the temporal coverage of that plan begins in part prior to the placement of impacted material/remediation waste into the OSDF, its coverage is anticipated to extend through the active phase of the OSDF, when remediation wastes are being placed in the individual cells of the OSDF, and into the post-closure phase after the last cell of the OSDF has been covered and closed. It is anticipated that the OSDF Groundwater/Leak Detection and Leachate Monitoring Plan will be revised over time to better define the monitoring strategy and its individual components; any such revisions will be completed in a consultative manner among the DOE, EPA, and OEPA.

If a leak is detected from the OSDF, DOE will consult with the EPA and OEPA in accordance with the requirements established in the OSDF Groundwater/Leak Detection and Leachate Monitoring Plan for notifications and response actions.

#### 5.4 MONITORING OF OTHER MEDIA

It is anticipated that monitoring of selected additional media (e.g., surface water, vegetation) during the OSDF post-closure care period might also be addressed in a future revision to the IEMP focusing on the OSDF post-closure care period. See the second bullet under DOE Order 5820.2A, Chapter III(3)(k) (entry 35) in the table presented in Section 2.0 (DOE 1988).

## 6.0 ROUTINE SCHEDULED INSPECTIONS

### 6.1 INTRODUCTION

This section will establish inspection techniques and frequency as required by the appropriate regulations (Ohio hazardous waste rules OAC 3745-66-18(A) and (C) in lieu of federal hazardous waste regulations 40 CFR §§ 264.118(b)(2) and 265.118(c)(2)). Components covered by these inspections are:

- Security system (e.g., fences, gates, locks, warning signs)
- Final cover system
- Runon and runoff control systems
- Surveyed benchmarks – at least three third-order benchmarks on separate sides of the OSDF within easy access to the limits of waste/impacted materials placement (Ohio solid waste rule OAC 3745-27-08(C)(7)(a)-(c), and Ohio hazardous waste rule OAC 3745-68-10(D)(4) in lieu of federal hazardous waste regulation 40 CFR §265.310(b)(6))

### 6.2 ROUTINE FACILITY INSPECTIONS

Discussed in this section are those background details and preliminary considerations necessary to conduct routine scheduled site inspections including the inspection team; frequency and timing of inspections; and inspection aids. Also discussed are the procedures during routine scheduled site inspections.

#### 6.2.1 Preliminary Considerations

##### **Frequency and Timing of Inspections**

Routine scheduled inspections will be conducted quarterly at the OSDF until closure of the final cell of the OSDF. The objective of these inspections is to establish and record physical modifications to the site through many seasonal cycles and to provide a basis for decisions regarding future inspections.

Following closure, inspections will be conducted semiannually until the 2011 five-year review, and annually thereafter. Based on review of the inspection and maintenance reports and records for the OSDF, DOE may at any time specify a new routine schedule inspection frequency, which will be approved by the EPA and concurred on by OEPA, via modification to this Plan (refer to Section 11.0).

Timing of these routine scheduled inspections, as determined by DOE, will take into consideration such factors as:

- Inability to reach the site due to snow cover, runoff, or impassible roads
- Inability to inspect due to snow cover
- Climatic cycles most likely to adversely impact the site such as periods of heavy precipitation, runoff, or wind
- Need to acquire data to confirm aerial photography data or reports from local officials or concerned citizens.

Should the inspectors find weather conditions at the site not conducive to making a complete and thorough inspection, they will use the opportunity to observe and record changes to cover, diversion channels, and other site features. The remainder of the inspection tasks will then be rescheduled to a more favorable day.

### **Inspection Team**

The inspection team for routine scheduled inspections will consist of a chief inspector and one or more assistants. The minimum number on a team is two; more can be assigned depending on the conditions expected at the site at the time of inspection. If only two inspectors are assigned, one will be a geotechnical or civil engineer, and the second will be an ecologist. Prior to each inspection, DOE or its contractor will determine the size of the inspection team. EPA and OEPA will be notified of the scheduled dates and times of these routine inspections so they may send representatives to accompany the inspection team.

The chief inspector will have a degree in civil engineering or soil mechanics, and at least five years' experience (or an equivalent amount of experience and education) in projects involving the planning and implementation of earthen structure designs. Where possible, the chief inspector will have made at least one site inspection as an assistant inspector. Assistant inspectors will have degrees and experience complementing the chief inspector's, as appropriate, for the expected site conditions. Assistants will have a minimum of three years' experience (or an equivalent amount of experience/education) in their field. Prior to each inspection, DOE or its contractor will designate the chief inspector and assistants.

### **Familiarization with Site Characteristics**

The site inspection team will become familiar with the OSDF site by reviewing this PCCIP, and the most recent previous inspection report.

### **Preparations for Conducting Site Inspections**

After site familiarization, preparations must be made to conduct the field inspection. This requires the inspection team to:

- Obtain approval to enter adjacent property (if required)
- Assemble the equipment needed to conduct the inspection. Equipment may include such items as cameras and film, binoculars, tape measure, optical ranging devices, Brunton compass, photo scale stick, erasable board, additional signs, etc.

#### **6.2.2 Site Inspection**

The primary objective of the routine scheduled site inspection is to identify potential problems at an early stage prior to the need for significant maintenance or repairs. The inspection team will be guided by a knowledge and understanding of the processes which could adversely change the disposal facility. A fundamental part of the inspection will be the detection of change, and particularly the progressive

change, over a number of years due to slow processes. The inspection checklist (refer to Appendix D of the LMICP) will include the following:

- Security of fences, gates, and locks, as well as the condition of applicable warning signs
- General health and density of the vegetative cover
- Presence of any deep rooted, woody species
- Evidence of burrowing by animals on the cover
- Presence, depth, and extent of erosion or surface cracking, indicating possible cap deterioration
- Visibly noticeable subsidence, either localized or over a large area, especially that will allow for the ponding of water
- Presence and extent of any leachate seeps
- Integrity of runoff and runoff control features
- Integrity of benchmarks

### **Field Procedures**

#### **Adjacent Off-site Features**

A reconnaissance of the adjacent area within approximately 0.25 mi of the Fernald site property line (in no case shall this property line be smaller than the OSDF and its buffer zone) will usually be the first stage of an OSDF inspection. Any evidence of a change in land use will be described. The development of inadequately engineered roads and trails may, because they concentrate runoff, lead to initiation of gully erosion; increased use in any form is likely to bring about a reduction in vegetative cover and, therefore, an acceleration of erosion. In general, any increase of human activity in the vicinity increases the probability of either inadvertent or purposeful intrusion into the site.

Evaluation will be made of whether the natural drainage courses in the immediate vicinity of the OSDF pose any threat to the continued integrity of the OSDF. An observation from a prominent topographic feature will be made first, looking for indications of high water levels, areas of active erosion and sedimentation, and potential changes in channel position.

Reaches of adjacent natural drainage courses will then be walked for approximately 1,000 ft and notes made of unusual or changed sediment deposits, large debris accumulations, man-made or natural constrictions, and recent or potential channel changes. Any such features will be documented with photographs, which will include recognizable landmarks and known objects for scale.

Similarly, any gullies, or locations that appear to be favorable to the development of gullies, will be examined. The portion of the head of the gully will be the most important observation, but the shape of

the cross section will give an indication of the degree of the activity, and any interruption in the longitudinal profile may suggest rejuvenation or the presence of a local base level.

#### Access Roads, Fences, Gates, and Signs

The OSDF area is anticipated to be accessible via automobile. The condition of the on-property roads will be described, and if the need for maintenance is indicated, the location and type of work will be recommended. Roads and associated grading are frequently points of gully initiation, and near the OSDF particular care will be taken in looking for evidence of recent erosion associated with the roads.

A walking traverse of the fence will be made to inspect the condition of fencing, gates, locks, and signs. Evidence of deterioration, damage, or vandalism will be noted. Any breaks in the OSDF perimeter fence, or conditions which might lead to a break, will be described. Signs will be evaluated for legibility, proper location, and information. If human intrusion is indicated, an effort will be made to determine whether it was inadvertent or purposeful, and whether it poses any threat to the integrity of the OSDF. Missing, badly damaged, or defaced signs will be replaced in a timely manner.

#### Monuments

Each survey monument, boundary marker and site marker will be examined for evidence of disturbance. If any have been disturbed, a recommendation for their re-establishment and possible protective action will be made.

#### Crest

The crest of the OSDF is an obvious vantage point from which to examine the site and surrounding area. Observations, with the aid of binoculars, will be made in all directions from the crest of any features which are anomalous or unexpected, and which may require further inspection. These will be recorded on the checklist and on the overlay. Examples of such features that might be observed include: changes in soil color; distressed vegetation patterns; trails; and patterns of erosion.

A walk around the edge and diagonal transects of the crest will be made. Additional transects, at approximately 50-yard intervals, will be walked along the sideslopes. A search will be made for evidence of differential settling, subsidence, and cracks, if any. The patterns of cracks and evidence of subsidence will be described in an overlay and photographed. The depth and width of the cracks will be measured; notes will be made of any points at which the cracks extend below the outer erosion barrier.

Erosion of the crest is not expected to be a problem because of the low slopes. However, differential settling or sliding along the slopes may cause flow concentrations that may disturb that protection, and thus irregularities will be examined for early evidence of erosion. Evidence of wind erosion including the presence of ripple marks, partially exhumed vegetation, the presence of pedestal rocks, or obvious lag gravels will be noted. As the OSDF will be vegetated as part of the closure activities, careful examination will be made to determine areas of distressed or sparse vegetation, or the presence of deep-rooted, woody species.

### Slopes

Changes to the OSDF are most likely to occur in the lower portions of the slopes. Therefore, an examination at the toe of the slope will be a key part of the inspection. A traverse at the toe of the slope will be made, and one (or more, depending on findings) additional traverse on the upper slopes will be made.

Settlement or sliding, although highly unlikely, will be apparent by the presence of bulges and depressions, cracks, and scarps. If any such features are observed, the extent of the area affected, whether the area is stable or likely to continue moving, and the nature of the movement that is occurring (settlement, planar, or rotational sliding) will be determined. Evidence of related erosion will be noted. Photographs showing detail and area perspective will be taken of any such features observed.

General health of grass cover and signs of stressed or dead grass will be noted. Grass density and coverage will be inspected. Any areas with sparse vegetation or no vegetation will be mapped and described. The presence of any woody vegetation or noxious/invasive plants will be noted.

During these inspections, the slopes will be examined for evidence of animal intrusion, burrowing, changes in vegetation, and human activity. Regularly used trails (human or animal) can concentrate runoff and encourage erosion; any such trails observed will be mapped and described. Any signs of small animal trails or burrows will be noted and photographed, and an effort will be made to tentatively identify the species. If animal burrows have been observed during previous inspections, the burrow sites will be examined for indications of current activity.

Erosion of vegetated slopes will first be apparent by the development of rills and rivulets, which extend only part way up the slope. If they are present, their spacing, length, depth, and width will be measured and noted. Particular attention will be placed on evidence of integration of the drainage and development of a master channel. Such a development can, in a short time, evolve into a gully.

Evidence of removal of the cover, extensive vandalism to signs and monuments, or the presence of well-established trails will be described in detail.

### Periphery

The area adjacent to the OSDF will be examined during the traverse at the toe of the slope. Features to be looked for and described, if present, include erosion channels; accumulations of sediment; evidence of seepage; and signs of animal or human intrusion.

### Diversion Channels

Each diversion channel will be walked its entire on-property length to determine whether the channels have been functioning, and can be expected to continue as designed. The channels and sideslopes will be examined for evidence of erosion or sedimentation, slides or incipient erosion channels, debris, or

growing vegetation. The sideslopes of the diversion channels also will be examined for evidence of piping or burrowing by animals, which could lead to sloughing of material into the channel.

The portion of the channel that has rip-rap (or a concrete spillway), the soil or rock material adjacent to the structure will be examined carefully for evidence of unstable conditions such as piping, or destructive currents. The rip-rap (or concrete) will be examined for evidence of deterioration caused by weathering or erosion.

At those portions of the channel slopes which are rock, plant colonization will be slow to develop, but will gradually occur. The inspection procedure is expected to record this gradual colonization by noting the extent of vegetation, its location, and cover density.

## 7.0 UNSCHEDULED INSPECTIONS

### 7.1 INTRODUCTION

An unscheduled inspection may be triggered by reports or information that the site integrity has been or may be compromised. The two types of unscheduled inspections anticipated (follow-up inspections and contingency inspections) are discussed in the following subsections.

### 7.2 FOLLOW-UP INSPECTIONS

Follow-up inspections investigate and quantify specific problems encountered during a routine scheduled inspection, special study, or other DOE or other regulatory agency activity. They determine whether processes currently active at or near the site threaten site security or stability, and they evaluate the need

for custodial maintenance and/or repair or corrective action.

Some of the situations that may require a follow-up inspection include:

- unforeseen subsidence of the OSDF slopes or its foundation
- gullying which has cut through or is threatening to cut through the outer cover
- slides on the slopes of the OSDF
- seepage
- change in the position of an adjacent stream channel
- indications of rapid headward cutting of a nearby gully
- cracks which extend deeply (greater than 6 inches) into the slopes
- presence of animal burrows on the OSDF or in its diversion channels
- invasion of trees or shrubs onto the vegetative cover of the OSDF
- removal of some of the material from the OSDF cover.

Follow-up inspections should be made by technical specialists in a discipline appropriate to the problem that has been recognized. That is, if erosion is a problem, the inspectors will be individuals knowledgeable in evaluating erosion, presumably a soils scientist or geomorphologist; if settlement or sliding is the problem, a geotechnical engineer; if changes in an adjacent stream, a hydrologist; if plant invasion, a botanist; and the like.

The follow-up inspection begins with an on-site visit to determine the need for definitive tests or studies. Additional visits may be scheduled if more data are needed to draw conclusions and recommend corrective action. If repair or corrective action is warranted, the DOE will notify the EPA, OEPA, appropriate local officials, and other appropriate local stakeholders.

**7.2.1 Objectives and Procedures**

These investigations include all additional investigations or studies necessary to evaluate the continued effectiveness of the OSDF for containment of the impacted materials therein. The procedures used will be those required in the judgement of the DOE and will depend upon the nature and severity of the problem. Representative and appropriate responses for several possible problems are listed in Table 7-1.

**TABLE 7-1**

**POSSIBLE PROBLEM SITUATIONS AND RESPONSES**

Situation	Representative Response
Gullying on slopes	<p>Measurement or mapping not done as part of routine scheduled inspection will be done.</p> <p>The primary objective is to determine the factors which led to the initiation of the gully. This might involve evaluation of the erosion barrier design parameters or site drainage, and the role of sheet erosion, rill formation, slides, or burrows. The product will be a recommendation for maintenance and preventative measures, if required.</p>
Headward gully erosion	<p>Procedures to determine the rate of headcutting will be established and implemented.</p> <p>A line of reference stakes (capped rebar) upstream from the gully head is a simple and effective method of measuring change in the position of the gully; comparison of periodic aerial photographs might also be useful. An understanding of the why dissection is occurring and any limiting conditions will be sought. The product will be a recommendation for maintenance and preventative measures, if required.</p>
Invasive vegetation	<p>Species identification and abundance determination will be conducted if/when large trees or shrubs invade the vegetative cover of the OSDF.</p> <p>If deep-rooted species are present, analysis of plant material for radionuclides and heavy metals might be done. An eradication program might be recommended; if so, cover repair would also be undertaken.</p>
Creep	<p>The occurrence of creep can be determined by setting rows of stakes parallel to contours on the sideslopes, which will gradually tilt downslope if creep is occurring. The rate of creep can best be determined by marking a number of rock fragments on the slopes, and accurately determining their location in relation to additionally emplaced survey monuments over a number of years.</p>
Landslides	<p>Upon evidence of a slide or debris flow, an additional investigation will be made.</p> <p>The area and volume affected, the type of movement, and causal factors will be determined. Drilling, hand augering, or excavation might be necessary. The product will be a recommendation for what remedial and preventive maintenance are required.</p>

**7.2.2 Schedule and Reporting**

Once a routine scheduled inspection has identified a concern, the DOE will notify the EPA and OEPA and begin a follow-up inspection by submitting a preliminary assessment of the concern and a plan for follow-up inspection. Upon review by the EPA and OEPA, the DOE will implement the inspection plan. Once the follow-up inspection is completed, the DOE will recommend maintenance or other appropriate action to be performed, as needed.

### 7.3 CONTINGENCY INSPECTIONS

Contingency inspections are unscheduled, situation-unique inspections ordered by the DOE when it receives information indicating that site integrity has been or may be threatened. Events that could trigger contingency inspections include severe vandalism, intrusion by humans or livestock, severe rainstorms, or unusual events of nature such as tornadoes or earthquakes. Events that have caused severe damage to the OSDF or that pose an immediate threat to human health and the environment will be immediately reported to the EPA and OEPA.

A preliminary inspection/assessment report of each contingency inspection triggered by such an unusual event will be submitted to the EPA and OEPA within 60 days of the initial report that damage or disruption has occurred at the OSDF site. At a minimum, this report will include:

- problem/event description
- preliminary assessment of the custodial maintenance or repair or corrective action required
- conclusions and recommendations
- assessment data, including field and inspection data and photographs
- names and qualifications of the field inspectors.

A copy of the report and all other data and documentation from such a contingency inspection will be maintained in the permanent site file and will be submitted to the EPA and OEPA.

After EPA and OEPA have reviewed the preliminary inspection/assessment report, the DOE will submit a corrective action plan (for those events requiring corrective action) for EPA review and approval in accordance with a schedule to be determined on a case-by-case basis via consultation between DOE, EPA, and OEPA. Based on the findings of these reports, the DOE will implement the corrective action.

## 8.0 CUSTODIAL MAINTENANCE AND CONTINGENCY REPAIR

### 8.1 INTRODUCTION

This section explains the procedures to be used by the DOE to determine when maintenance or contingency repairs are needed at the OSDF. In general, the decision to conduct maintenance or contingency repair will be based on the results of follow-up site inspections or contingency site inspections (refer to Section 8.0 for both), which assess problems at the site.

This section will establish maintenance activities and their frequency, fulfilling the requirements to do so established in the appropriate regulations (Ohio hazardous waste rules OAC 3745-66-18(A) and (C) in lieu of federal hazardous waste regulations 40 CFR §§265.118(c)(2) and 264.118(b)(2)). The following subsections address custodial maintenance of the security system (e.g., fencing, gates, signage) and the impacted materials containment system as summarized below.

#### Security System

- Repair and replacement of sections of fences and gates due to normal wear, severe weather conditions, vandalism
- Replacement of warning signs for similar reasons.

#### IMPACTED MATERIALS Containment SYSTEM

- Maintain the integrity and effectiveness of the final cover, including making repairs to the cap/cover as necessary to correct the effects of settling, dead vegetation, subsidence, erosion, leachate outbreaks, or other events (Ohio solid waste rule OAC 3745-27-14(A), and Ohio hazardous waste landfill rule OAC 3745-68-10 in lieu of federal hazardous waste regulation 40 FR §265.310)
- Mowing
- Seeding and mulching repaired areas or areas that are lacking vegetative cover
- Maintaining surface water runoff and runoff drainage features to prevent erosion of, or other damage to the final cover (Ohio solid waste rule OAC 3745-27-14(A), and Ohio hazardous waste landfill rule OAC 3745-68-10 in lieu of federal hazardous waste regulation 40 CFR 265.310)
- Control of burrowing animals.

### 8.2 CONDITIONS REQUIRING MAINTENANCE OR REPAIR ACTIONS

Inspection reports and monitoring results will be reviewed and site conditions will be compared from inspection to inspection so that trends of changing conditions can be determined. Identifiable trends will provide a means for predicting when maintenance or repair will be needed. The DOE, in conjunction with EPA and OEPA, will decide whether or not to initiate custodial maintenance or contingency repair. After the decision to initiate maintenance or a contingency repair, a statement of work will be prepared for the work to be performed. The maintenance or repair action required to correct a site problem will be dependent upon the nature of the problem. Although the details of maintenance or repair actions that may

be needed throughout the post-closure care period cannot be reliably predicted in advance, examples of conditions which may require custodial maintenance or which may trigger contingency repair are outlined in Table 8-1, along with the appropriate actions.

When compared with contingency repair, custodial maintenance is expected to be generally less costly, smaller in scale, and more frequent in occurrence. In contrast, contingency repairs are very unlikely to be needed; however, repair costs may be more substantial due to the size of the work force and technical skills required for repairs.

### 8.3 MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

The following subsections discuss custodial maintenance for the security system, cap and final cover, and the runoff and runoff drainage features.

#### 8.3.1 Security System

The security system established for the OSDF includes fencing, gates, locks, and warning signs. Routine custodial maintenance or repair of the security systems includes visual inspection and repair or replacement of the affected components. Possible problems include deterioration, erosion, or frost heave of fence post anchors resulting in fence damage. Normal wear, deterioration, and vandalism are also possible on fencing, gates, locks, and signs. Table 8-2 presents the inspection and maintenance activities for these features. These activities will be performed as needed as identified during the routine inspections (refer to Section 7.0).

#### 8.3.2 Cap and Final Cover System

Routine custodial and preventative maintenance of the cap and final cover includes visual inspection of benchmark integrity, upkeep of the vegetative cover, general mowing, clearing of debris, removal of woody weeds and seedlings, and reseeded. These activities will be performed as needed as identified during the routine inspections (refer to Section 6.0). Table 8-3 presents the custodial maintenance schedule for these features. When excessive localized depression is indicated by persistent water ponding, repair will be performed.

**TABLE 8-1**

**EXAMPLES OF CONDITIONS THAT MAY REQUIRE  
 CUSTODIAL MAINTENANCE OR CONTINGENCY REPAIR**

Condition	Appropriate Actions
<b>Custodial Maintenance</b>	
1. Damage due to normal wear, severe weather conditions, or vandalism to survey control monuments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-establish survey control monuments.</li> </ul>
2. Growth of woody species such as deep-rooted shrubs or trees on the cover.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remove deep-rooted shrubs or trees from the cover.</li> <li>• Backfill root hole with soil, compact to re-establish grade, and re-establish the regular vegetative cover via seeding and mulching.</li> </ul>
3. Development of animal burrows on the cover or in the diversion channels.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Control or eradication of burrowing animals.</li> <li>• Backfill burrow hole with soil, compact to re-establish grade, and re-establish the regular vegetative cover via seeding and mulching.</li> <li>• If the problem becomes extensive, the services of a professional exterminator will be retained.</li> </ul>
<b>Contingency Repair</b>	
4. Development of rills or gullies deeper than 6 inches with near vertical walls and no vegetative cover.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fill in gullies or rills with soil, compact to re-establish grade, and re-establish the regular vegetative cover via seeding and mulching<sup>1,2</sup>.</li> </ul>
5. Surface rupture where the dimensions of the cracks are larger than 1 inch wide by 10 feet long by 1 foot deep, which would indicate severe shrinkage of cover materials or differential settlement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reconstruction of slope segments where slumping, mass wasting, liquefaction, or other severe events have occurred.</li> <li>• Root cause analysis, evaluate corrective and preventive measures/actions, implement recommended actions<sup>1,2</sup>.</li> </ul>
6. Instability of the slopes to the point where mass wasting or liquefaction has occurred due to earthquakes, differential settlement, or other causes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reconstruction of slope segments where slumping, mass wasting, liquefaction, or other severe events have occurred.</li> <li>• Root cause analysis, evaluate corrective and preventive measures/actions, implement recommended actions<sup>1,2</sup>.</li> </ul>
7. Encroachment of stream channels or gullies into the disposal facility or its buffer area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reconstruction of cover or other features<sup>1</sup>.</li> <li>• Root cause analysis, evaluate corrective and preventive measures/actions, implement recommended actions<sup>1,2</sup>.</li> </ul>
8. Flood damage to the site in the form of new channels, or debris deposits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reconstruction of cover or other features<sup>1</sup>.</li> <li>• Root cause analysis, evaluate corrective and preventive measures/actions, implement recommended actions<sup>1,2</sup>.</li> </ul>
9. Intrusion by man whereby cover materials have been removed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reconstruction of cover or other features<sup>1</sup>.</li> <li>• Root cause analysis evaluate corrective and preventive measures/actions, implement recommended actions<sup>1,2</sup>.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup>This might involve general regrading in the area to modify drainage and/or the use of temporary drainage structures and controls to reduce runoff velocities until vegetation has been re-established.

<sup>2</sup>Severe or repetitive occurrences might best be addressed via a corrective action (refer to Section 10.0).

**TABLE 8-2**  
**SITE SECURITY SYSTEM**  
**INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES**

Component	Inspection Frequency	Condition	Remedy	Maintenance
Fence	Quarterly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Damaged fence fabric or posts</li> <li>Under fence erosion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repair or replace as necessary</li> <li>Repair erosion or extend fence as necessary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repair or replace as necessary</li> <li>Provide erosion and sedimentation control</li> </ul>
Gates	Quarterly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tampering or damage to locks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repair or replace as necessary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install proper lock</li> </ul>
Warning signs	Quarterly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Damaged or missing warning signs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repair or replace as necessary</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install or re-attach warning signs to fence or gates</li> </ul>

Notes:

- Frequencies of inspection and maintenance activities are preliminary.
- Site security system shall be inspected after the occurrence of major earthquakes (refer to Section 10.3).

**TABLE 8-3**  
**CUSTODIAL MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE**

Each April/May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implement treatments or repairs as indicated by September inspection.</li> <li>Re-seed, lime, and fertilize on three-year cycles, as needed.</li> </ul>
Each September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inspect site to determine adequacy of perennial vegetative (grass) cover, and to delineate erosion problems.</li> </ul>
Each October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mow area inside fence to control invasion by woody species.</li> <li>Evaluate options for less frequent mowing, and/or use of herbicides, which affect only woody species.</li> </ul>

Note that the need for, and frequency of, grass cutting will depend on the final seed mix selected for the OSDF final cover systems. Mowing shall occur at least once annually (in the late fall) at a time when the final cover system is reasonably dry. If a cap has been recently seeded, mowing will not occur. Mowing will not occur on a cap if it is determined that the mowing will have an adverse effect on the grasses planted. Mowing equipment shall not cause rutting or disturbance of topsoil. More frequent mowing will be specified, if needed, in a subsequent modification to this PCCIP (refer to Section 11.0).

Woody reproduction that develops on the OSDF final cover systems shall be eliminated mechanically, chemically, or by fire. Many woody species maintain the root systems when cut and rapidly resprout. The root system continues to grow through repeated cuttings and can become extensive. For this reason, chemical herbicides (spraying of individual trees and shrubs) or fire shall be preferred for woody species

control, as eradication of the whole plant including the root system is a primary goal. A combination of mechanical and chemical treatment where cut stumps are treated with herbicide to prevent resprouting may also be considered. The most effective method for managing woody species vegetation will be evaluated for the OSDF by DOE based on available equipment, expertise, and cost.

Inspection/investigation, corrective maintenance, or contingency repair of the final cover may be required for one of the following reasons:

- formation of localized depressions caused by subsidence of the emplaced impacted materials
- progressive deterioration of the cover caused by erosion
- destruction of a portion of the final cover by some gross physical event.

Settlement is not expected to be a significant problem as the OSDF contains little putrescible waste. In the case of localized depressions, it will likely be necessary to strip existing topsoil in the affected area and stockpile it in an adjacent area. General soil would then be used to fill the settled area to restore uniform grades in order to promote proper drainage. Topsoil would then be replaced. Where this phenomenon occurs in the upper cover, simple regrading and filling of the depression with compacted fill will likely be satisfactory. All affected areas will be reseeded and mulched immediately upon completion of repairs. The following are typical steps to repair excessive settlement:

1. When maintenance is required, the amount of soil needed should be estimated and arrangements for stockpiling or delivery should be made in advance in order to minimize the amount of time the repair area is disturbed.
2. Install temporary silt control and surface water controls.
3. Remove and stockpile topsoil and vegetative soil layers. Segregate as necessary.
4. Clay can be added to the existing clay portion of the cover, or the existing clay (or portions thereof) can be excavated, and appropriate fill placed to bring the area to acceptable grades. Adding clay is preferred since the geosynthetic layer is not exposed and tie-in to adjacent clay is not necessary.
5. Document clay placement and compaction in accordance with the original construction quality assurance program (GeoSyntec 2001a).
6. Replace vegetative and topsoil layers, and revegetate. Care should be taken during final grading to assure the area is tracked perpendicular to the slope to minimize channeling of surface water.

Progressive deterioration of the cover caused by erosion will likely be addressed by reconstruction of the cover in that area and by amelioration of the erosion problem. This may involve some general regrading in the area to modify drainage and/or the use of temporary drainage structures and controls to reduce runoff velocities until vegetation has been re-established.

### 8.3.3 Runon and Runoff Drainage Features

Diversion and drainage channels surrounding the OSDF function to collect runoff and divert runoff. The channels may require mowing and, from time to time, reshaping to control the runoff in a controlled manner. Vegetative growth in and around diversion channels will be maintained by periodic mowing and clearing. Mowing of the vegetation on the same schedule as the OSDF final cover system (refer to Section 8.3.2) will ensure proper maintenance of the channels. Any large plants or seedlings will be removed to prevent sediment buildup and damage caused by roots. Reseeding and mulching will be performed as needed in bare areas to prevent excessive erosion.

During the routine inspections (refer to Section 6.0), the drainage channels will be examined for erosion. Any problems identified by inspections will be repaired to conform as closely as possible to the original construction specifications and drawings. To the extent possible, appropriate measures will be taken to prevent problems from recurring.

Maintenance of the diversion channel system might be needed in areas of excessive sediment buildup, sloughing of banks, or plugging of culverts due to sediment and vegetation buildup. The grade control structures—rocks placed at an inlet, outlet, or along the length of a drainage channel—might also require maintenance for sediment and vegetation buildup. Appropriate actions will be taken to address these situations, including cleaning out and/or re-contouring channels, repair of banks, and unplugging of culverts. Table 8-4 presents the inspection and custodial maintenance schedule for these features.

**TABLE 8-4**  
**DRAINAGE CHANNEL SYSTEM**  
**INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES**

Component	Inspection Frequency	Condition	Remedy	Maintenance
Drainage channels	Quarterly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free-flowing</li> <li>• Clogging by sediment or debris</li> <li>• Scouring, other evidence or erosion, or other damage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None – desired condition</li> <li>• Remove accumulated debris or sediment</li> <li>• Repair damage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None – desired condition</li> <li>• Remove accumulated debris or sediment</li> <li>• Maintain as-built or undertake corrective action</li> </ul>
Grade control structures	Quarterly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free-flowing</li> <li>• Clogging by sediment or debris</li> <li>• Scouring, undermining, other evidence of erosion, or other damage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None – desired condition</li> <li>• Remove accumulated debris or sediment</li> <li>• Repair damage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None – desired condition</li> <li>• Remove accumulated debris or sediment</li> <li>• Remove emergent vegetation</li> <li>• Maintain as-built or undertake corrective action</li> </ul>
Culverts	Quarterly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free-flowing</li> <li>• Clogging by sediment or debris</li> <li>• Other damage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None – desired condition</li> <li>• Remove accumulated debris or sediment</li> <li>• Repair damage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None – desired condition</li> <li>• Remove accumulated debris or sediment</li> <li>• Maintain as-built or undertake corrective action</li> </ul>

Notes:

1. Frequencies of inspection and maintenance activities are preliminary.
2. Drainage system shall be inspected after the occurrence of major earthquakes (refer to Section 11.3).

## 9.0 POST-CLOSURE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

### 9.1 INTRODUCTION

Previous sections of this plan address maintenance or repair activities for the OSDF, which are directed at routine or custodial problems. This section will discuss at the conceptual level the steps necessary to evaluate and correct situations of more significant concern. Those steps include:

- Preliminary assessment of situation
- Development of technical approach and work plan
- Identification of alternatives
- Evaluations of alternatives
- Identification of the preferred alternative
- Public involvement
- Selection of corrective action/response action alternative
- Implementation of selected alternative.

### 9.2 FUTURE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS AND RESPONSE ACTIONS

The following points are important to keep in mind, based upon legislation and regulations in effect at the time of formulation of this plan:

- The Fernald site has been listed on the NPL
- Response actions under CERCLA have been and are being conducted at the Fernald site to remediate the threats (or potential threats) to public health and the environment from past releases and potential releases at the site
- Regardless of whether the Fernald site is deleted from the NPL in the future, any future corrective actions/response actions would be conducted as a response action under CERCLA, either as a removal action or a remedial action as appropriate to the situation.

The inspection and maintenance activities identified elsewhere throughout this plan will be the mechanism to identify, and address as appropriate, situations needing maintenance or repair activities of a custodial or routine nature. DOE will consult with EPA and OEPA whenever it identifies a situation believed worthy of more significant attention.

In that situation, the first focus will be identification of the perceived problem ("problem statement"). This should include, as possible based upon existing information, a preliminary assessment of the nature of the problem and its threats to public health and the environment. This step is intended to be a remedial or removal site evaluation, as those terms are currently used in the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (40 CFR Part 300). The intended outcome of this first step is an assessment of the seriousness of the situation and a determination of the time-criticalness of response

action. From this, the appropriate course of CERCLA response action (removal action vs. remedial action) will be decided.

Regardless of removal vs. remedial course of action, the next step would be development of a technical approach, including identification of objectives, activities to fulfill those objectives, and associated timeframes. The embodying document would vary depending on the course of CERCLA response action identified as appropriate:

1. If a time-critical removal action, this would be a removal action work plan
2. If a non-time-critical removal action, an engineering evaluation/cost analysis
3. If a remedial action, a work plan for a focused feasibility study.

For the last two of the above, the process would address the remainder of the bullets stated above, which are repeated below for clarity:

- Identification of alternatives
- Evaluations of alternatives
- Identification of the preferred alternative
- Public involvement
- Selection of corrective action/response action alternative
- Implementation of selected alternative.

## 10.0 EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION AND REPORTING

### 10.1 INTRODUCTION

The OSDF was designed to comply with EPA and OEPA standards with minimum maintenance and oversight during the post-closure care period. However, unforeseen events could create problems that could affect the disposal facility's ability to remain in compliance with these standards. Therefore, the DOE has requested notification from local, state and federal agencies of discoveries or reports of any purposeful intrusion or damage at the site, as well as the occurrence of earthquakes, tornadoes, or floods in the area of the disposal facility. Such notification would trigger a contingency inspection, as discussed in Section 8.3.

### 10.2 AGENCY AGREEMENTS

The DOE will negotiate/has negotiated notification agreements with the Butler and Hamilton County Sheriff's Departments, and the National Weather Service. Copies of the agreements, once completed, will be presented in an appendix to this PCCIP. The designated point of contact for emergency notification is (877) 695-5322, which is the 24-hour phone line at the DOE's Grand Junction office. The number will be recorded in these agreements and will be posted on the site signage so that the public can notify the DOE if problems are discovered.

In accordance with the agreements, the DOE (entry 3 in Table 4-2) will be the designated facility emergency contact.

Contact lists and telephone numbers for all agencies with whom DOE has entered into agreements will be updated in conjunction with the site inspection, for inclusion in the site inspection report, and for inclusion as change pages into an appendix of this PCCIP as necessary.

### 10.3 UNUSUAL OCCURRENCES AND EARTHQUAKES

As the majority of the OSDF is within Hamilton County, the DOE has requested the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department notify the DOE of any unusual occurrences in the area of the OSDF that may affect surface or subsurface stability, as well as any reports of vandalism or unauthorized entry. DOE has also requested the same from the Butler County Sheriff's Department.

Because the Fernald site and its OSDF are (1) not in an active seismic zone, and (2) not constructed of or in lithified earth materials, the probability of occurrence of seismic events that could damage the OSDF, are slim. If they did occur, seismic events that could potentially damage the OSDF would manifest themselves in numerous ways in the area, the most apparent of which are:

- rupture of potable water supply lines
- rupture of natural gas supply lines
- rupture of natural gas transmission lines, etc.

DOE will send letters to and request acknowledgement from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, Butler County Sheriff's Department, and both Ross and Crosby Township police and fire officials to notify the Office of Legacy Management in the event of unauthorized human intrusion or unusual natural events. The Ohio Earthquake Information Center will be issued a letter by the Office of Legacy Management requesting notification in the event of an earthquake in the vicinity of the site. These agencies will contact the Office of Legacy Management should an event occur that might affect the control of known contaminants or the condition of the site. Office of Legacy Management will also monitor emergency weather notification system announcements.

#### 10.4 METEOROLOGICAL EVENTS

The National Weather Service, located [location to be determined], has agreed to notify the DOE within [to be determined] hours of issuing a flash flood or tornado warning in Hamilton or Butler Counties, Ohio. (Note: These are to be determined prior to closure of the last cell of the OSDF.)

## 11.0 MODIFICATIONS OF POST-CLOSURE PLAN

### 11.1 INTRODUCTION

This section will identify conditions under which this plan may need to be modified/amended, and the mechanism/process by which to modify this plan. In accordance with appropriate regulations, modifications to the post-closure plan are allowed in recognition of the need to preserve flexibility during the post-closure care period in order to incorporate changes in conditions (Ohio hazardous waste rule OAC 3745-66-18(G), in lieu of federal hazardous waste regulations at 40 CFR §265.118(d) and (g), and §264.118(d)). These subjects are discussed in the following subsections.

### 11.2 CONDITIONS TRIGGERING POTENTIAL NEED FOR MODIFICATION

Currently, anticipated conditions that might trigger a need to modify this plan include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

- At closure of the final cell of the OSDF – In order to incorporate as-built drawings of the OSDF and its permanent features, as well as to incorporate lessons learned to that point from the inspections and performance of the OSDF cells/phases that have been covered/closed.
- Change in any of the points of contact.
- Cessation of management of leachate (federal solid waste regulation 40 CFR §258.61(a)(2)), or change in the on-site vs. off-site management of leachate treatment/disposal (OAC municipal solid waste rules 3745-27-19(K)(5) and (6)).
- Changes in post-closure inspection or maintenance activities (e.g., a more extensive erosion control program is needed).
- Reduction in inspection frequency – After the first five-year review after completion of OSDF closure activities, and no less frequently than subsequent five-year increments, DOE will evaluate the need to continue the pre-established inspection frequency, basing its recommendation on an evaluation of annual reports and any other reports filed for maintenance or unscheduled events.
- Changes in surrounding land use (e.g., an increase in population density surrounding the facility may warrant increased security provisions during the post-closure care period).
- Temporary suspension or permanent deletion of one or more post-closure care requirements (Ohio hazardous waste interim standards rule OAC 3745-66-18(G)).
- Extension or reduction in length of post-closure care period – The post-closure care period may be extended or reduced at the discretion of the regulatory agencies, based on whether an extended period is necessary, or a reduced period is sufficient, to protect public health and the environment. Changes to the duration of the post-closure care period are allowable in accordance with appropriate regulations (federal solid waste regulation 40 CFR §258.61(b), and Ohio hazardous waste rule OAC 3745-66-18(G) in lieu of federal hazardous waste regulations 40 CFR §§265.117(a)(2) and (g), and §§264.117(a)(2) and (g)). The justification for adjustment of period must make the demonstrations required by appropriate regulations (federal solid waste regulation 40 CFR §258.61(b), and Ohio hazardous waste rule OAC 3745-66-18(G) in lieu of federal hazardous waste regulations 40 CFR §§265.118(g)(1)(I) and 264.118(g)(1)(I)).
- Implementation of a corrective action or other response action.

### 11.3 MECHANISM

If it is determined that a modification to the plan is necessary or warranted, DOE will modify this PCCIP (or sections or pages as appropriate) and submit the revision to the regulatory agencies (EPA and OEPA, as appropriate per the regulations and enforceable agreements in effect at that time) for review and approval/concurrence. At present, the regulations and enforceable agreements in effect require that EPA review and approve any such modification, while OEPA receives the opportunity for review but not approval. It is currently anticipated that the regulatory agencies may first review and comment on such proposed modification, in which case DOE would revise the proposed modification to address the review comments and then resubmit the proposed modification for further consideration.

DOE anticipates that substantive modifications (e.g., those beyond change sheets to update points of contact, changes to specifications for photographs, changes to inspection checklists, etc.) will be accompanied by appropriate public involvement opportunities, as discussed in Section 12.0.

## 12.0 COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The public has played a very important role in the remediation process at the Fernald site and the stakeholders remain very involved in the remediation and planning for legacy management. DOE holds regularly scheduled meetings with various groups and the general public to share information on the current site status and progress. The public and other key stakeholders will remain fully involved in planning for closure and legacy management of the site, and the public meetings conducted by DOE will continue, as long as the public continues to show an active interest. Additional detail on the history of the public's involvement is included in section 5.0 of the Legacy Management Plan.

Another process involving the public is the CERCLA five-year review. The CECLA five-year reviews will focus on the protectiveness of the remedies associated with each of the five OUs. Following the review, a report will be submitted to the EPA. The public will also be able to review these reports and provide feedback. In addition, the data and documentation used for the report will be available on or near the site for public access.

Reporting to the public and stakeholders will occur on a regular basis. These requirements are further defined section 4.4 of the Legacy Management Plan (Volume I) and in Section 5.3 of the IC Plan.

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