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RE: FERNALD COST RECOVERY GRANT AWARD NUMBER DE-FG01-07LM00107 OVERSIGHT AND MONITORING AT THE FERNALD SITE

Dear Ms. Freeman:

Attached please find Ohio EPA's Quarterly Report for the period April 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008 detailing activities related to the Cost Recovery Grant.

If you should have any questions regarding this report, please contact me at (937) 285-6466.

Sincerely,

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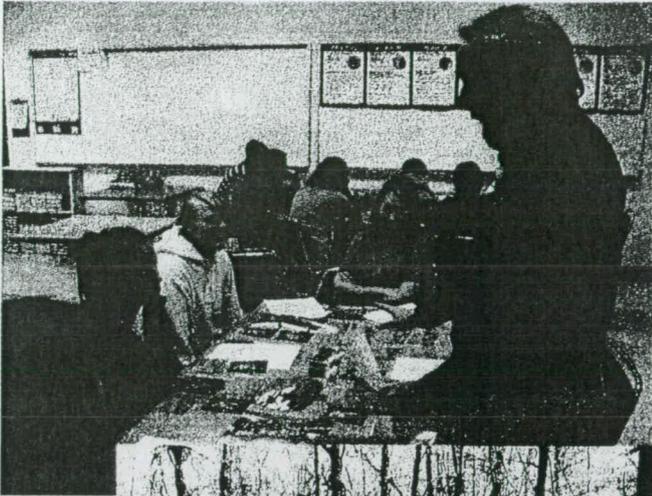


Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
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Quarterly Report

April, May, June 2008



Nearly 100 Harrison High School seniors learned wetland monitoring techniques during the April classroom and Fernald Preserve visits.

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**Ohio EPA Office of Federal Facilities Oversight
Cost Recovery Grant Quarterly Report
for the
Third Quarter of FFY08**

APRIL 2008

HIGHLIGHTS AND SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- April 1 conference call with Stoller to discuss 90% design comments for biowetland. Formal comments were submitted shortly thereafter. Received response to comments on OEPA's 90% design comments on April 17.
- Submitted grant application to DOE for funding of Ohio EPA Federal Facility activities.
- Ohio EPA staff conducted the Harrison High School wetland monitoring event. Staff visited the classroom to teach students through presentations and hands-on stations about Fernald history and wetlands, vernal pool monitoring techniques, macroinvertebrates and amphibians, buffer area, scientific observation/data collection and hypothesizing. The nearly 100 seniors from this popular Ecology/Literature class visited the Fernald Preserve over two days to collect data from the 3 northern mitigated wetlands. Students recorded birds, amphibians, vegetation, buffer and other wetland parameters. Amphibian and macroinvertebrate samples were collected using passive funnel traps. Of significant note was the capture of tiger salamander larvae in each of the three young mitigation pools. After the wetland monitoring, staff led students on a hike through the nearby wood lot and then a bus tour of the site. The data was compiled, analyzed and submitted to the Ohio Vernal Pool Partnership (www.ovpp.org) for the 3rd consecutive year.
- Laura Hafer attended the monthly Fernald Community Alliance meeting. Discussions focused on the group acquisition of a stone entrance sign to be given to the Fernald Preserve. Also discussed, was the likely delay of the June opening of the visitor center and site due to construction delays. Planning for the group event at the Crosby Days in May also occurred.
- Design documents for the treatment biowetland were reviewed.
- Donna Bohannon split sampled private wells.

DOCUMENT REVIEWS

Provided Ohio EPA review on the following: 1) 2nd round of comments on Comprehensive Legacy Management and Institutional Controls Plan (LMICP); 2) 90% design for biowetland RtC; 3) comments on the OU6 Elimination factsheet.

TRAINING

- Donna Bohannon and Laura Hafer concluded the last of a three part communication skills training called Connect! Take Charge of your Communication.
- Laura Hafer attended annual medical monitoring.

MEETINGS

One or more OFFO staff participated in the following meetings:
Monthly Project Managers conference call; DERR staff meeting; FCA monthly (DB);

MAY 2008

HIGHLIGHTS AND SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- Fernald announced the Visitor's Center would not open June 18th as originally planned. A "soft" opening will occur in August with a grand opening in September or October with the Secretary of Energy in attendance and gold or platinum LEED certification in hand. The community meeting on August 20 will be the kickoff for a series of events, August 20 through August 24, that will acknowledge and celebrate the opening of the site.
- Laura Hafer DERR/SWDO attended the Fernald Community Alliance monthly meeting. Discussion focused on group business and the upcoming opening of the Fernald Visitor's Center.
- Tom Schneider was interviewed by Aiesha Little of *Cincinnati Magazine* on the Fernald Preserve.
- Ohio EPA approved DOE's responses to comments and 90% design drawings for the treatment biowetland.

DOCUMENT REVIEW

Provided Ohio EPA comments on the following documents: 1) review the LMICP RtC; 2) review and disapproval of OU5 Interim Remedial Action Report.

TRAINING

Donna Bohannon and Laura Hafer attended state mandated Workplace Violence training.

MEETINGS

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JUNE 2008

HIGHLIGHTS AND SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- Ohio EPA staff conducted the quarterly OSDF and site inspections. In addition to a north/south transect of the OSDF, staff inspected the southwestern quadrant of the site along with Stoller.
- Ohio EPA staff visited the Fernald Preserve Visitors Center and biowetlands to view construction progress.
- Ohio EPA sent a letter to LM on the requested monitoring changes, monthly report, aquifer restoration wastewater project.
- Donna Bohannon attended the monthly Fernald Community Alliance meeting where the group discussed purchase of the Fernald Preserve entrance rock and other initiatives.

DOCUMENT REVIEWS

Provided Ohio EPA review on the following: 1).

TRAINING

- Donna Bohannon and Laura Hafer attended OSHA 8-hour refresher training.
- Ohio EPA Federal Facilities staff attended state mandated harassment training.

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