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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 October 1, 2008 through December 31, 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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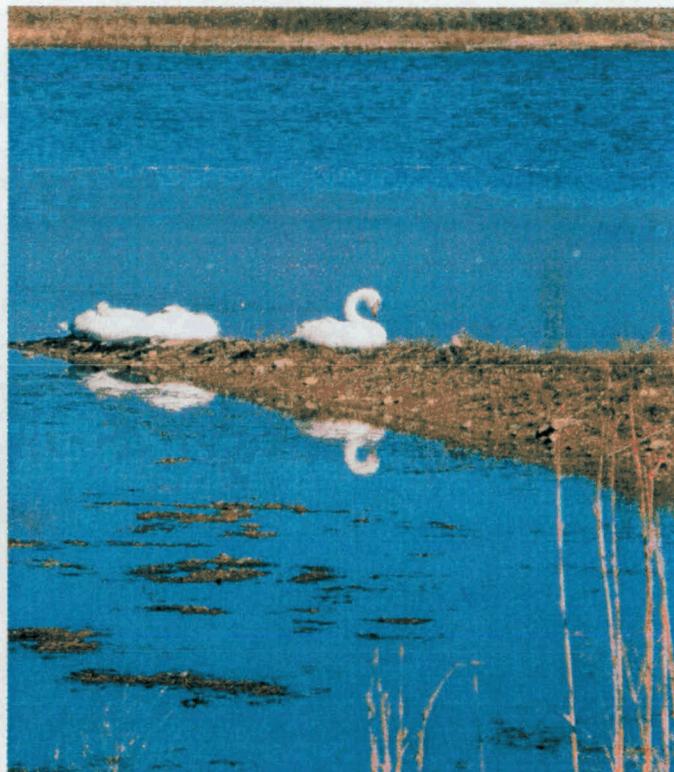
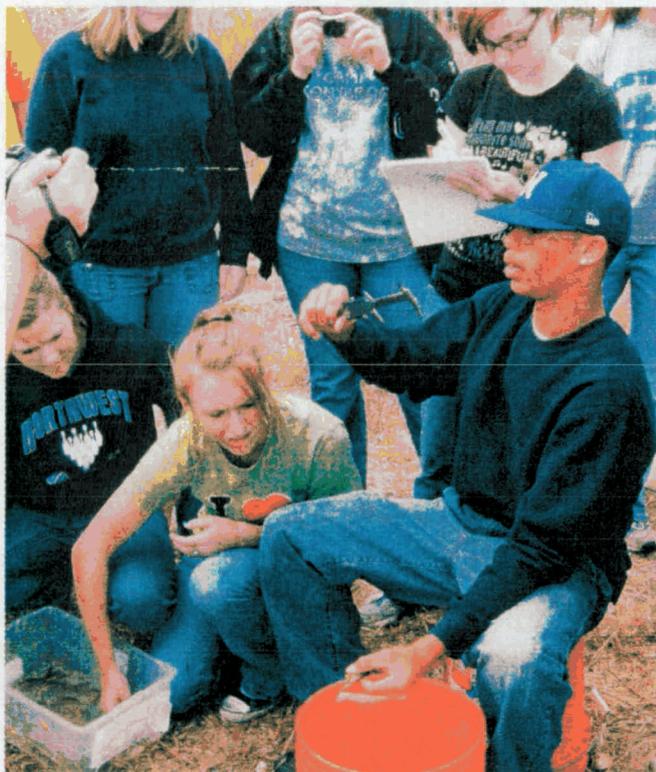


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Quarterly Report

October, November, December 2008



Ohio EPA joined Northwest High School students in October while researching the Lodge Pond.

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**Ohio EPA Office of Federal Facilities Oversight
Cost Recovery Grant Quarterly Report
for the
First Quarter of FFY09**

OCTOBER 2008

HIGHLIGHTS AND SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- Tom Schneider attended the Combined Intergovernmental work group meeting in Washington DC with Inez Triaj and Jim Fiore. The meeting focused on transition planning.
- Laura Hafer attended the monthly FCA meeting on October 6th. The meeting was held at the FPVC and focused on fundraising initiatives, banking and historical records.
- Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Energy (#2 at DOE) Jeff Kupfer visited the Fernald site to announce the LEED Platinum designation for the Fernald Preserve Visitor Center. Tom Schneider toured the exhibits in the green building with the Assistant Secretary and US Representatives Schmidt and Chabot and staff from Senator Voinovich's office. The Fernald Preserve Visitor Center is the first LEED Platinum designation in Ohio
- Tom Schneider assisted 30 students in Northwest High School's history/science/literature class to trap, ID and measure macroinvertebrates and fish in the Fernald Preserve Lodge Pond. This year-long class will visit Fernald regularly to enhance the multi-disciplinary curriculum. Upon finding 38 green sunfish and 1 snail in the funnel traps, the class learned how the lack of diversity can affect organisms up the food chain, like waterfowl.
- Hamilton County Environmental Action Committee met at Fernald. Ohio EPA participated in the meeting and subsequent tour of the site.
- Laura Hafer assisted with the Butler County Children's Water Festival.
- Donna Bohannon split sampled ground water from three residential wells near Fernald. Samples were analyzed for Total Uranium. She met with John Homer to view new trail and discuss LMICP.
- Reviewed quarterly reports for September OSDF and Site Inspections.

DOCUMENT REVIEWS

Provided Ohio EPA review and comments on the following: 1) LMICP review; 3) OSDF Site Inspection Report.

MEETINGS

One or more OFFO staff participated in the following meetings: Monthly Project Managers conference call; DERR staff meeting; FCA monthly (LH); HCEAC Fernald mtg and tour (TS); DOE transition (TS); IGWG conf. Call (TAS); Real time IBT (TAS); FPVC opening and LEED designation (TS).

NOVEMBER 2008

HIGHLIGHTS AND SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- On November 11, 2008 Judge S. Arthur Speigel signed the Fernald NRD Consent Decree finalizing the NRD settlement at Fernald. The first meeting of the trustees is scheduled for December 4th. Ohio's first task under the orders is to provide a detailed listing of our assessment costs to be reimbursed out of the fund.
- DOE proposed to supply monthly updates by email (aquifer, eco-restoration topics, and maintenance/repair action items) and have calls in CY09 in the odd numbered months.
- Laura Hafer spent significant time coordinating with CO on Federal Facilities web pages. Per DERR CO directive, most FFS pages were updated and converted to .pdf.
- Donna Bohannon attended the quarterly LM update and the monthly FCA community meeting held at the FPVC.

DOCUMENT REVIEW

Provided Ohio EPA review of the following documents: 1) 2009 LMICP (comments); 2) received and reviewed RtCs on the 2007 SER.

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One or more OFFO staff participated in the following meetings:
Monthly Project Managers conference call; DERR staff meeting; LM Quarterly and FCA monthly (DB); NRD call with DOE (TS); CIWG conf. Call (TS); NGA conf. in Utah (TS).

DECEMBER 2007

HIGHLIGHTS AND SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- Donna Bohannon participated in the quarterly OSDf inspection. She and Bill Lohner participated in the quarterly site inspection of the north woodlot and Paddys Run western corridor.
- Laura Hafer spent significant time coordinating with CO on Federal Facilities web pages. Per DERR CO directive, most FFS pages were updated and converted to .pdf.
- Updated the Federal Facilities section of Agency Accomplishments list for web and print publications. The Fernald Natural Resource settlement was among the accomplishments noted.
- The NRD Trustees met at the Fernald Preserve.
- Ammended Fernald grant to include NRD settlement oversight funding.

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DERR staff meeting; NRD trustees call (TS).