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Department of Energy  
Office of Legacy Management

March 12, 2009

Mr. Frank Johnston  
Fernald Preserve Site Manager  
S. M. Stoller Corporation  
10995 Hamilton-Cleves Highway  
Harrison, OH 45030

Subject: Approval of the Wildland Fire Management Plan

Dear Mr. Johnston:

The purpose of this letter is to approve the Wildland Fire Management Plan that was submitted by your office. The plan is consistent with directives for wildland/urban fire management at Department of Energy sites. Joe Desormeau, Safety Officer with the Office of Site Operations was complimentary of the thoroughness of the plan and I feel this is the direction that we want to go with prescribed burns and prairie management at the Fernald Preserve.

In accordance with the Secretary of Energy memorandum of February 24, 2003, the moratorium on prescribed fires has been rescinded for the Fernald Preserve with the approval of this Wildland Fire Management Plan.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call me at (513) 648-3148.

Sincerely,

Jane Powell  
Fernald Preserve Manager  
DOE-LM-20.1

Enclosure

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REPLY TO: Harrison Office		

## Appendix D Secretarial Memoranda



2002-019296

The Secretary of Energy  
Washington, DC 20585

February 24, 2003

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY

UNDER SECRETARY FOR ENERGY, SCIENCE  
AND ENVIRONMENT

LINTON F. BROOKS, ADMINISTRATOR  
NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY  
ADMINISTRATION

FROM:

SPENCER ABRAHAM

SUBJECT:

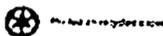
Department of Energy (DOE) Wildland Fire  
Management Policy

I am approving the adoption of the *2001 Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy and Implementing Actions* as Department of Energy (DOE) policy. This action is needed to better plan for and respond to wildland fires at DOE sites and is responsive to one of the recommendations of DOE's Independent Commission on Fire Safety and Preparedness issued on May 28, 2002. The attachment to this memorandum provides more information on the Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy and what further implementation actions are needed.

I believe that a strong wildland fire management policy is an essential part of our continuing vigilance to protect the natural resources for which we have responsibility as well as those that may be impacted by DOE operations. I am gratified to see that DOE has already taken effective actions to plan for and respond to wildland fires. I believe that these actions are both supported and enhanced by DOE adopting the interagency *2001 Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy and Implementing Actions*.

Each Program Secretarial Officer must provide to me by June 2, 2003, the status of planning under this policy for sites under their cognizance.

cc: Heads of Departmental Elements



## Attachment

## DOE WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT POLICY

The 2001 Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy and Implementing Actions is a clarification and revision of the 1995 Federal policy. This revision was initiated by a Federal Interagency working group review of the lessons learned from the Cerro Grande fire and resulting recommendations. In addition to the traditional Federal fire management agencies<sup>1</sup>, DOE and the Department of Defense participated in that review because of our ownership and management of significant Federal lands that might be subject to wildland fires and the need for better integration of Federal wildland fire planning and response actions. The Federal policy itself is found in Chapter J of the report entitled, *Review and Update of the 1995 Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy*, which is available through the National Interagency Fire Center at: [www.nifc.gov/fire\\_policy](http://www.nifc.gov/fire_policy).

To formalize this action in the DOE Directives System, the Office of Environment, Safety and Health will complete its development of proposed DOE O 450.1, *Environmental Management Systems*, and associated guidance. This directive will require contractors to implement a program, as appropriate, to protect site resources from wildland and operational fires as part of their Integrated Safety Management System. The associated guidance will provide additional information on the Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy.

In addition to adopting this Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy, each Program Secretarial Officer must ensure that sites have a wildland fire management plan in place that is consistent with the Federal policy and any DOE requirements. When plans are approved by DOE, the DOE-wide prohibition on prescribed fires currently in place is rescinded for those sites.

<sup>1</sup>The traditional Federal fire management agencies are: the Department of Agriculture (Forest Service) and the Department of the Interior (Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Indian Affairs).