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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 July 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009 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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# Fernald Quarterly Report

July, August, September 2009



*Ohio EPA and other Natural Resource Trustees completed several Fernald walkdowns as required by the Consent Decree.*

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

**JULY 2009**

**HIGHLIGHTS AND SIGNIFICANT EVENTS**

- On July 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tom Winston and Tom Schneider were interviewed by an L.A. Times reporter who is going across the country to put together a story about the massive DOE cleanup projects. From the interview, it was clear he's looking at Fernald (and other Ohio sites) as a success story; he was interested in comparing it to DOE sites in other states, where progress has been slow. He was very interested in how we operated, how we worked with stakeholders, how the state applied political pressure, and how we made decisions. This story ran in the L.A. Times on October 20, 2009.
- Ohio EPA and DOE presented information on the natural resource damages settlement Funds Use Plan at a public meeting Wednesday, July 8th at the Fernald Preserve Visitor Center. The document is aimed at setting criteria for spending the \$13.74 million settlement fund. In addition to presenting information the trustees took comments from the public on improvements to the document and types of projects that should be implemented.
- The Fernald Natural Resource Trustees completed several site restoration area walk downs as required by the Consent Decree to be completed by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Ohio EPA provided a past cost summary to the trustees for review. Upon completion of the review, completion of a trustee resolution approving the costs, Ohio will be reimbursed out of the settlement account as required by the consent decree. Ohio and DOE met with the Land Conservancy of Hamilton County as part of our on-going outreach regarding the draft Funds Use Plan

**MEETINGS**

One or more OFFO staff participated in the following meetings: Monthly Project Managers conference call; DERR staff meeting; SWDO staff meetings; NRD meetings and calls.

**AUGUST 2009**

**HIGHLIGHTS AND SIGNIFICANT EVENTS**

- Tom Schneider and Bill Lohner, along with DOE, met with Hamilton County Parks on 8/10, regarding the Fernald natural resources damages restoration funds and potential collaboration opportunities. One possible goal is to connect Fernald to Miami Whitewater Park bike trail through property acquisition. Further discussions will

continue. The comment period on the Funds Use Plan ended on August 8th. Revisions to the FUP were made in collaboration with the other trustees.

- Ohio EPA launched it's redesigned web pages at the end of August. Fernald and other federal facility pages have been reworked and will continue to be updated.

## **TRAINING**

-Project WET, WILD and Learning Tree training (LH)

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DERR staff meeting; SWDO staff meetings; ECOS conf. calls (TS); ITRC conf. calls (TS)

## **SEPTEMBER 2009**

### **HIGHLIGHTS AND SIGNIFICANT EVENTS**

- Fernald natural resource trustee representatives Tom Schneider (SWDO/DAPCO) and Johnny Reising (DOE), met with the Three Valley Conservation Trust board of directors on 9/2 to discuss potential collaboration on implementing the Fernald NRD settlement funds. This is part of an on-going effort to reach out to local organizations that may be interested in working with the trustees.
- The Fernald Natural Resource Trustees met at the Fernald Preserve on 9/16. The trustees discussed the Funds Use Plan revision and public comments. Additionally, the trustees discussed past cost reimbursement, walkdown follow up and wetland monitoring procedures.
- Tom Schneider attended the fall ECOS meeting. Tom participated in the two Federal Facility Forum meetings. The second meeting with DOE's NRD coordinator included a discussion of our preference that NRD activities remain under EM at least at Fernald. The ECOS FFF will be working on a Green Report regarding NRD at DOE sites over the next year.
- Ohio EPA conducted the quarterly Site Inspection on September 2<sup>nd</sup> along with Stoller staff. The east side of the site was inspected including the Lodge Pond (former Borrow Area), Aesthetic Barrier, eastern perimeter up to the A1P1 wetland, and the lower half of the Northern Pines. There were no unusual findings.
- Ohio EPA conducted the quarterly OSDF Inspection along with Stoller and contractor staff. This included a walkdown of Cells 1, 7 and 8 as well as the perimeter fence and other routine institutional controls.
- Printed and mailed requested copies of DECA and Bellbrook HS's vernal pool posters to Columbus environmental education center.

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- A review of the 2008 Site Environmental Report (SER) shows that DOE continues to comply with the NESHAP air monitoring requirements. Earlier in 2009 Ohio EPA worked with US EPA Division of Air and Radiation to inform DOE of their continuing air monitoring requirements under NESHAP. DOE is required to continue high volume air monitoring for particulate radionuclides until June 20, 2011.

**DOCUMENT REVIEW**

Provided Ohio EPA review of the following documents: 1) 2008 Site Environmental Report.

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