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

Dear Ms. Brown:

Attached please find Ohio EPA's Quarterly Report for the period January 1, 2011 through March 31, 2011 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

January, February, March 2011



Ohio EPA witnessed a variety of wildlife at the Fernald Preserve during quarterly site inspections and other visits. From left, clockwise, a Jefferson hybrid salamander, cricket frog, and eastern garter snake.



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**Ohio EPA Office of Federal Facilities Oversight
Cost Recovery Grant Quarterly Report
for the
Second Quarter of FFY11**

JANUARY 2011

HIGHLIGHTS AND SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- At the Fernald Community Alliance public meeting on January 18, 2011, Ohio EPA provided an NRT update.

MEETINGS

One or more OFFO staff participated in the following meetings: DERR staff meeting; SWDO staff meetings; NRT meetings/calls; DOE ARRA conference call; FCA public meeting.

FEBRUARY 2011

HIGHLIGHTS AND SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- Staff participated as science fair judges for local elementary schools.
- The NRTs visited the Hesselbrock farm, a potential pilot property for the Paddys Run Conservation Project.

MEETINGS

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MARCH 2011

HIGHLIGHTS AND SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- Ohio EPA and Stoller conducted the quarterly site inspection of the former production area and waste pits on March 1st. Large concrete and asphalt chunks were noted in the SE corner of the former production area (SW of OSDF cell 8 outside of OSDF fence).
- At the Fernald Community Alliance public meeting on March 1, 2011, Ohio EPA provided an NRT update, including notification of the April 13 public meeting on the Paddys Run Conservation Program. The 12 attendees planned for the group's second Paddys Run Road Cleanup on April 2nd. The group now has a post card sales/donation rack with historic and nature photos from the site. The group also

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worked with their web designer to set up a Facebook page for announcing upcoming initiatives. They will continue to go through boxes of files that were destined for disposal during the shutdown of Fernald. Several items, including never before seen photos of site construction were retained through the FCA's efforts.

- Ohio EPA and Stoller conducted a walk over inspection of the OSDF cells 1, 7 and 8 on March 8th. Noticed several bare areas and erosion rills to watch on the SW side of cell 8.
- The NRTs visited Fernald on March 16th to discuss the Paddys Run tributary project.
- Trustee resolution 9 was finalized on March 16th. This document includes the eligibility criteria and application process for the Paddys Run Conservation Project.
- Ohio EPA staff attended the ODNR Wildlife Diversity Conference. Staff listened to subject matter experts from several disciplines at this free day-long conference.
- Ohio EPA conducted vernal pool monitoring with Bellbrook HS several times during the month of March.
- On March 29, 2011 Ohio EPA submitted a letter of recommendation for the Fernald Preserve to receive a telescope through the Cincinnati Observatory for education at the Preserve.
- On March 30, 2011 Ohio EPA mailed a letter co-signed with Three Valley Conservation Trust inviting local landowners within the focus area and other interested stakeholders to attend the April 13th public meeting. In addition to the 170 mailed letters, 55 emails with attached letter were sent.

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DERR staff meeting; SWDO staff meetings; NRT trustees meetings and calls; FCA public meeting; Environmental Council of the States meeting in Alexandria, VA.