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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ROSS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MEETING:** There will be a meeting of the Ross Township Trustees on Thursday, June 19, 1997, at the Ross Fire House. Topics will include an update on the "aesthetic barriers" and work being done in connection with natural resource restoration.
- DOE/FEMP MEETING:** DOE-FEMP representatives will explain various aspects of the Accelerated Cleanup Plan and future Project Priorities to stakeholders with a question and answer availability session during and after the presentation. This meeting will take place on Monday, June 23, 1997, at the Alpha Building, Classroom B.
- DOE PUBLIC MEETING:** There will be a DOE Public Meeting on Tuesday, June 24, 1997, to discuss Waste Placement Issues for the on-site disposal facility at 7:00 p.m. in the Alpha Building, Classroom B.
- RECYCLING METHODOLOGY PUBLIC MEETING:** The final installment in the series of recycling workshops will take place on Tuesday, July 8, 1997, at the Alpha Building, Classroom B. This meeting will respond to stakeholder input on the Draft Final Recycling Methodology, recently been made available for public comment.
- PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT WORKSHOP:** DOE-FEMP will hold this workshop in response to requests from stakeholders, and will discuss what is envisioned for public involvement in the future, as well as answering questions and obtaining input from the attendees. The meeting will take place on July 24, 1997, at the Alpha Building.
- TASK FORCE MEETING:** The next full Task Force Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 9, 1997, at 6:00 p.m. in the Alpha Building.



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### ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued):

- ❑ **COMMUNITY REUSE ORGANIZATION:** There will **not** be a CRO meeting in the month of July. Individual committees will meet, but the regularly scheduled full CRO Board will not meet again until August. In addition, please note that CRO now has a message line at 648-4168, which has recordings of the latest news and changes in CRO meetings. If you have any questions, you can also leave a voice message, and someone associated with CRO will return your call.
- ❑ **DOE ACCELERATED CLEANUP PLAN:** The Draft Discussion version of the DOE Complex-Wide Accelerated Cleanup Plan was formally released to the press and to the public on Thursday, June 12, 1997. An audio news conference, with members of the press calling in with questions from across the DOE Complex, was held at 2:00 p.m. on the 12th. Public Affairs personnel in DOE -FEMP and FDF also mailed a copy of the plan to each member of the Fernald Citizens Task Force on the same day as its public release. Release of this draft discussion form of the document puts into motion a 90-day comment period designed to gather stakeholder input, and you are encouraged to review the document and respond to DOE.

### QUESTIONS:

Please call John at [REDACTED] or Doug at [REDACTED] with questions or concerns. You may also fax or e-mail us at:

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**Draft Minutes from the May 10, 1997 Meeting**

The Fernald Citizens Task Force met from 8:32 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. on May 10, 1997, at the Alpha Building, 10967 Hamilton-Cleves Highway, Harrison, Ohio. The meeting was advertised in local papers and open to the public. Time was reserved for public input. At the conclusion of the meeting, members toured the site.

**Members Present:**

John Applegate  
French Bell  
Jim Bierer  
Marvin Clawson  
Jack Craig  
Lisa Crawford  
Pam Dunn  
Constance Fox  
Darryl Huff  
Gene Jablonowski  
Dan McElroy  
Graham Mitchell  
Robert Tabor  
Thomas Wagner  
Gene Willeke  
Thomas Rentschler  
Warren Strunk

**Members Absent:**

None

**Designated Federal Official Present:**

Gary Stegner

**EPA Headquarters:**

Jim Saric

**Task Force Staff Present:**

Tereza Marks  
Crystal Sarno  
Douglas Sarno

About 20 spectators also attended the meeting, including members of the public and representatives from DOE, Fluor-Daniel Fernald, and FRESH.

## 1. Call to Order

Chair John Applegate called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

## 2. Announcements and New Business

Applegate announced that the March minutes will be distributed for review in the next Friday mailing.

It was announced that Jack Craig was replacing Phil Hamric on the Task Force for DOE.

Since the Task Force last met, the General Accounting Office report on safety issues and finances at Fernald was released. Everyone received a copy. Applegate stated that there was not much for the Task Force to work on with this document, but if members saw a continuing role for the Task Force, to please let him know.

Lisa Crawford distributed materials recently prepared by the Military Production Network containing several mentions of Fernald. Graham Mitchell distributed the Ohio EPA Annual Report.

Applegate noted that the Ten-Year Plan for the entire complex will be released on May 21, and comments will be due in 60 days. He asked that the Transportation Committee take a look at the plan and report back to the Task Force with comments.

Applegate suggested that the July meeting be held on a week night, instead of on a Saturday morning. It was agreed that the next meeting be held on Wednesday, July 9.

## 3. Committee Reports

### *Transportation Committee*

Tom Wagner, Committee Chair, gave the update on recent road changes.

**On Route 128:** There are new traffic lights installed at the intersection of Route 128 and I-74. Resurfacing of SR 128 is underway from I-74 through Ross. The repavement will be completed in September, and will require lane closings until then. A right turn lane is to be constructed at Willey Road. An upgrade of a small bridge south of Ross is scheduled for 1999 and will also require lane closings.

**On Route 126:** A new right turn lane is under construction at the Old North Site entrance.

**On Willey Road:** Hamilton County plans to resurface Willey Road in late 1997.

**On Site:** The North Access Road will be closed on July 1. The rerouted North Access Road will be open in October. The site is looking at ways to limit traffic and emergency response delays by putting a traffic cop at Willey Road, by adding a right turn lane on SR 128, by proposing alternate routing, and by implementing staggered shifts.

Due to road changes, Emergency Response Teams will require as much as five additional minutes to respond to emergencies in some areas.

Wagner indicated that the committee was confident that a lot of careful thought has gone into managing these transportation issues.

*Monitoring and Recycling Committee*

Pam Dunn, Committee Chair, noted that there will be a meeting on May 21, to look at revisions to the recycling protocol, the monitoring results from Area 1 Phase 1, the status of the Integrated Environmental Monitoring Plan, and soil certification.

*Natural Resources Committee*

Committee Chair Jim Bierer reported that on May 25, there will be a reburial of the Native American remains and a special ceremony. He reported that, in response to committee recommendations, DOE will produce a bi-weekly publication to keep the public informed on what will be happening on site starting within the next two weeks. This report will be mailed. DOE is proposing to implement tree plantings as aesthetic barriers along SR 126 and Willey Road.

**4. Budget and Schedule Issues**

Doug Sarno noted that the July 1995 Task Force Recommendations endorsed an accelerated clean up plan that was based on a certain budget level. Since then the budget has decreased. The Fernald budget for next year is based partially on privatization funding which is uncertain. Also, the site has run into some technical difficulties. This is natural for a site of this size, but the Task Force now has to address how these changes affect the previous recommendations and decide what the Task Force's role is in helping with these issues.

Jack Craig said that much of the drummed waste will be removed by the end of the calendar year. As these wastes are removed, there will be less oversight required and, therefore, less cost. Half of the enriched uranium on site has been sold to the private sector. However, DOE has not found a purchaser for the depleted uranium, although they have been trying for several years. If DOE cannot find a purchaser, they will have to declare that material waste and it will be shipped to Nevada. This will probably cost several million dollars, which has not been budgeted. In fact, the budget includes the projected income from the sale of this material. All other legacy waste projects are on schedule and some are even ahead of schedule. The project to overpack the thorium drums is well ahead of the scheduled completion in April 1998. There will be extra funds as a result. Plant 5 has been shut down ahead of schedule, as well.

Applegate noted that in projects that have a repetitive nature, Fernald seems to get better with each repetition. Jack Craig said we could hope for more projects with a learning curve. These projects save money as the work progresses.

Graham Mitchell said that if the privatization money is cut, it would result in a significant budget cut. Jack Craig expects the site to get one half of the \$41 million in privatization money budgeted.

John Bradburne commented that the loss of \$41 million is a significant reduction in the budget. Jack Craig explained that privatization funding requires private contractors to put up the initial costs of construction to be paid later on by the government as results are achieved. If that money is not made available by Congress when it is due, then the site will have to pay it out of the operating expenses.

An audience member asked which plant is to be razed next. The boiler plant will be razed, followed by Plant 9. He noted that in Plant 8, there is a kiln that can be used to dry out materials.

Doug Sarno suggested three ways for the Task Force to get involved in budget issues: 1) provide input for technical decisions, 2) keep the site high profile to protect the budget, and 3) give direct recommendations on efficiency issues, i.e., define inefficiencies and find ways to deal with them. Sarno asked if giving direct recommendations is something in which the Task Force would like to be involved. He said the Task Force was already providing input for technical decisions and keeping site profile high.

Doug Sarno noted that DOE is counting on increased productivity over the life of the project in order to meet its budgets. If the Task Force were to become involved in efficiency issues, it would create a committee to examine these issues over a long period of time.

Gene Willeke said that the Task Force is committed to an accelerated clean up and that we should be working to move the site in that direction.

James Bierer said that the Task Force is extremely important in what is happening on the site. It is imperative that the Task Force take a very high profile position in upcoming decisions.

Pam Dunn said that for this issue, it is important for DOE to be open and honest, and lay issues on the table. She also noted that before we take this on, we need a commitment from DOE to that effect. Dunn said that we would need more detailed financial information. Applegate asked Jack Craig, as a DOE representative, if that was a problem. Jack Craig answered no. Craig replied that, in fact, the Task Force pushing for this information would help to move things along. Some of the changes to obtain this information need to occur in Washington DC, and some need to happen on site. John Applegate said they would definitely require the assistance of the regulators. Tom Rentschler said that he had written a letter long ago, requesting financial information. He did not receive an answer for a long time, finally getting only a partial answer. Vitrification wound up costing five times the amount projected. He is not confident that we will get accurate information, or be able to use the information that we do get.

Lisa Crawford suggested a new committee be established to handle this issue. It was agreed.

## 5. Silos

Doug Sarno discussed the events that have occurred since the Operable Unit 4 ROD was signed, including the difficulties with the vitrification plant, then asked Jim Saric to discuss US EPA's proposed path forward.

Saric announced that EPA has decided that a ROD amendment is needed for Silos 1 and 2, but an Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) is all that is necessary for Silo 3. Saric explained that in the decision to award a ROD, EPA must consider, scope, technology and cost. Any of these factors could represent changes from the existing ROD. In this case, the difference in cost from the original estimate is enough to make the ROD amendment for Silos 1 and 2 necessary. With Silo 3, the scope has remained the same, the technology is basically the same, and the cost is in the same ball park. Thus, the ESD will be sufficient for Silo 3. This explains why there are two regulatory processes being done, the ROD amendment and the ESD.

Gene Willeke asked who makes this decision. Saric replied that it is an agency decision. Saric stated we are looking at a 12 - 18 month time frame for the ROD amendment.

John Applegate pointed out that it seems as if we will be doing a lesser evaluation on Silo 3 with just the ESD. Saric said that is not the case; the ESD will look at all of the relevant factors. Applegate asked why one will take over a year and one will take only a few months. Doug Sarno explained that the ROD had more formal comment periods between DOE and the regulators, adding the extra time to that process, commenting that both the ESD and the ROD are thorough processes.

Lisa Crawford asked for an official written statement from EPA headquarters, explaining how they came to the decision about the ROD and the ESD. She expressed concern that this might be a way to avoid vitrification.

Pam Dunn asked if we had any information from the state of Nevada on whether they would accept cementation waste from Silo 3. Nina Akgunduz said that she has just returned from Nevada, and the indication from the DOE Nevada office seemed very favorable. There have not been any public meetings yet. Fernald staff is in regular contact with NTS, and will provide a workshop to the citizens' groups there within the next few months. Lisa Crawford said we need to work with the Nevada CAB and their public relations people. She would like to have the Nevada people come here and talk to us. The Nevada CAB will be discussing transportation at their next meeting, and Tom Wagner is going to meet with them. John Applegate would like to invite someone from the Nevada CAB to join our Waste Management Committee.

Lisa Crawford asked Jim Saric if all major work was going to stop during the period during which the ROD is amended. Saric answered yes. While small things will be done, and waste removal studies will continue, no waste removal from Silos 1 and 2 will occur.

John Applegate suggested that the Waste Management Committee look at the IRT and value engineering reports and make a recommendation to the group as to how to proceed. It is important that everyone on the Task Force be involved in this issue.

## 6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45. Task Force members conducted a tour of the site to review recent progress. An itinerary of the tour is attached.

I certify that these minutes are an accurate account of the  
May 10, 1997, meeting of the Fernald Citizens Task Force.

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John S. Applegate, Chair  
Fernald Citizens Task Force

Date

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Gary Stegner  
Designated Federal Official

Date

**PUBLIC MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS FOR 1997 (some TBD)**

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<p>For more information, please call Gary Stegner at 648-3153.</p>		

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## Fernald event riles Vegas

### Nevada-bound cargo burst at loading dock

**BY TIM BONFIELD**  
The Cincinnati Enquirer

When a waste shipping container at Fernald burst open at the seams last month, the radiation didn't escape the building.

But the political fallout has reached as far as Las Vegas - where officials Tuesday called for a halt to all further waste shipments from the former uranium processing plant.

The incident began at about 1 a.m. May 22 at Fernald's Building 30, the loading dock where low-level radioactive waste is prepared for shipment to its final storage place.

A metal box big enough to contain the wastes from 19 industrial-size 55-gallon drums was packed and ready for a 2,400-mile journey by truck from the former Fernald uranium processing site to the Nevada Test Site near Las Vegas.

Shipment was planned within 10 days - but it never happened. Instead, a chemical reaction of unknown origin caused the metal box to burst open. The sound was loud enough to be heard by an employee outside the building, who alerted emergency crews.

Energy Department officials at Fernald called it an "overpressurization event." But two Nevada congressmen, the mayor of Las Vegas and the executive director of a Nevada nuclear waste agency call it a potentially serious problem.

They want all truck shipments from Fernald to stop, pending further investigation.

"It could have happened in downtown Las Vegas. That waste passes within 50 yards of some the hotels downtown. We would like to see all of these shipments rerouted," said Robert Loux, executive director for the Nevada Agency for Nuclear Projects.

So far, DOE has only partially complied.

Fernald workers have stopped shipping the waste that apparently triggered the chemical reaction, but they have continued sending other wastes since the incident. In fact, eight trucks have made the run since May 22, said Fernald DOE spokesman Gary Stegner.

On Tuesday, Reps. Jim Gibbons, R-Nev., and John Ensign, R-Nev., sent a letter to Energy Secretary Federico Pena objecting to the shipments.

"We find it disturbing that DOE would choose a route through the Las Vegas Valley, seemingly without consideration to the public health and safety risks, for transportation of radioactive waste," the letter said. "In concern for the safety of our citizens, we are asking you to suspend further action ..."

Fernald officials say this is the first serious incident involving its low-level nuclear waste since shipments began in 1985 - and they say it wasn't all that serious.

No one was injured. No radiation was detected outside Building 30.

So far, Fernald has shipped 4.9 million cubic feet, or about 125 million pounds, of low-level radioactive waste. On average, 40 trucks a month make the run from Fernald west through Evansville, Ind., St. Louis, Amarillo, Texas, Flagstaff, Ariz., and Las Vegas.

An investigation of the May 22 incident is expected to be complete in about a week, said Dave Kozlowski, associate director of safety and assessment at Fernald.

Nevada officials - who lost a lawsuit several years ago to block the waste shipments - say the Fernald incident is a clear example of why even low-level radioactive wastes should not pass through heavily populated areas.

But DOE officials said re-routing the waste to avoid Las Vegas would increase accident risks by adding more than 100 miles to the trip.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Comments? Questions? Criticisms? For Website issues, tell [Greg Noble](#), online editor.

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Journal News

Front Page

"DOE: \$6B per year needed for cleanup"

Reporter: John Nolan, Associated Press

## Fernald waste

# DOE: \$6B per year needed for cleanup

By John Nolan  
The Associated Press  
CINCINNATI

The U.S. Department of Energy may not be able to clean up radioactive wastes at Fernald and other sites within the promised 10 years if Congress doesn't provide \$6 billion per year to do it, a DOE official said Thursday.

The department hopes to persuade Congress to fund the environmental management program at that level because the DOE envisions that, at a reduced \$5.5 billion annual funding level, it will not get the job done at all sites, said Al Alm, assistant secretary for environmental management.

The department's aim is to comply with environmental laws and substantially complete the cleanups in 10 years to avoid running up long-term costs, Alm said.

Members of the Military Production Network, a nationwide coalition representing people who live near radioactively contaminated DOE sites, said they are concerned that the agency is transferring money that could be used for cleanup into weapons programs.

"We're not cutting back on our cleanup commitment," Alm said from Washington during a teleconference.

But that did not reassure neighbors of cleanup sites. Alm said if the program receives annual funding of \$5.5 billion, the DOE anticipates that cleanup would not be completed in Ohio, at the Rocky Flats site near Denver and at the Nevada test site by 2006.

"Under all scenarios, work at major sites would continue past 2006," he said.

"It sounds pretty clear to me that they are saying they won't be able to finish their cleanup in Ohio and Colorado in 10 years," said Susan Gordon, director of the Military Production Network.

Representatives of the Seattle-based organization are meeting with neighbors of DOE sites nationwide. That included a session Thursday night with Fernald Residents for Environmental Safety and Health.

"Cleaning up these sites needs to be the first priority. That's the commitment we feel the government gave us, and that's the commitment we want them to hold to," said Lisa Crawford, president of FRESH.

U.S. Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, said he wants the cleanups to be given priority.

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## Fernald

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"Senator Glenn firmly believes that we need to continue the cleanup efforts at Fernald and across the country. If we don't do it now, it'll cost even more money in the long run," Glenn spokesman Bryan McCleary said.

The plan Alm described is based on unrealistic or inaccurate assumptions, the Military Production Network said.

The group said the plan fails to analyze all sites for which DOE is responsi-

ble, accepts weaker environmental standards than those required by cleanup agreements and assumes stepped-up shipments of nuclear wastes between sites without a final plan or informed participation by communities along shipment routes.

Fernald processed uranium for use in nuclear weapons from 1951 until production stopped in 1989 to concentrate on cleanup. The DOE is doing cleanups at more than 160 sites nationwide, including eight in Ohio.

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*"Fernald Community Reuse Organization Chair"*

By Dr. David McWilliams

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The Fernald Community Reuse Organization (CRO) continues to gain experience and chart a course for the future that will address the needs of stakeholders who live near or work at the Fernald Environmental Management Project near Ross, Ohio.

With the impending closure of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) owned Fernald site, DOE is reaching out to stakeholders to assist displaced workers and impacted communities from losing economic footing after the site completes cleanup. Last fall, DOE established the Fernald CRO to research and provide recommendations on property and equipment reuse, worker transition and economic development issues resulting from downsizing at the Fernald site. The composition of the group generally reflects the local, tri-township communities (Crosby, Ross and Morgan Townships) surrounding the Fernald site. Members include local residents, business leaders, local elected officials, educators, economic developers/regional planners, and Fernald employees.

As a starting point, DOE provided a charter, operational ground rules and a mission statement for consideration. Following months of organizing, planning, and ground work typical for any new community group, the CRO initiated a planning process to build a strong foundation and set a clear path forward. One of the first actions we identified was to complete the application process for a start-up grant from DOE, which required incorporation as a non-profit organization under the state of Ohio. We accomplished both activities in April, and DOE awarded a one-year, \$150,100 start-up grant to the CRO on April 30. The CRO will use the grant to retain professional consultant services to help the group organize, plan its economic development and public involvement strategies, develop performance measures, and establish its office within the community. The grant is effective May 1, 1997 through April 30, 1998. We are currently applying to the Internal Revenue Service for exemption from federal income tax under Section 501 (C) (3).

Our vision is to work together, share resources and provide a safe, family-centered environment while encouraging economic growth. The CRO is now positioned to establish committees which will develop specific action plans for each of these strategies. As an example, one committee will develop a Fernald land reuse plan that encompasses the needs of the community while maintaining environmental safety and cost/effectiveness. Another committee will determine available equipment and materials at the Fernald site and develop a plan to equitably distribute these resources in a timely fashion to avoid wasting reusable resources. A third committee will determine

regional economic initiatives and consider issues impacting the Fernald work force as site cleanup activities progress. We will continue to enhance our network with local and state economic development organizations to coordinate efforts and benefit from existing programs.

Throughout the process, public involvement will be critical to our success. We will develop a comprehensive plan for involving our stakeholders in the CRO's decision-making process. Our goal is to include public input in all of our plans and decisions. We will survey stakeholders to determine their needs, interest, and opinions; invite stakeholders to join our committee, as appropriate; and continue to hold open, local meetings.

The Fernald CRO is proud of our accomplishments. However, we are just beginning our task. Our shared commitment is to engage in an honest and ethical decision-making process, promote the conscientious use of tax dollars, and provide opportunities for an open exchange of ideas. Ultimately, we hope our work will serve the needs and interest of our communities by generating sound economic development plans that strengthen our economic future as Fernald's cleanup progresses.

Our meetings normally occur on the first Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m. at the Ross High School Media Center. We invite you to attend and participate as we work through these issues. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, wish to share your input and ideas with the CRO, or just want to confirm a meeting date and time, we encourage you to call or write to: ▼

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To lead the Fernald Community Reuse Organization, DOE appointed Dr. David McWilliams, superintendent of Ross Local School District, as the chair. Dr. McWilliams has worked in education for more than 26 years, and has master's and doctorate degrees in language communications from the University of Pittsburgh.