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Environmental Management Project

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Dear Dr. McWilliams:

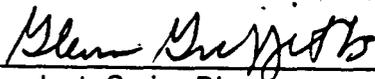
CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT OF COMMUNITY REUSE ORGANIZATION IN FERNALD NATURAL RESOURCE TRUSTEE PLANNING PROCESS

The Fernald Natural Resource Trustees (NRTs) would like to update you on our path forward as the NRT's decisions and actions may impact the CRO's work on determining future land-use potential at the Fernald Site. The Fernald NRTs include the State of Ohio (represented by Ohio EPA), the U.S. Department of the Interior (who receives support from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service) and the U.S. Department of Energy. The State of Ohio filed a claim in 1986 against DOE for natural resource injuries under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) which remains in "stay" pending the outcome of the NRT negotiations. For the last several years, the Fernald NRTs have been working to determine the extent of DOE's liability for natural resource injuries resulting from the release of hazardous substances at the Fernald Site. In parallel with that effort, the Fernald NRTs have been negotiating to determine the appropriate compensation for those injuries which must be in the form of natural resource restoration.

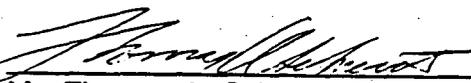
Since the NRTs last briefed the Fernald CRO in September 1996, a tentative agreement has been reached on the general level of natural resource restoration activities that will be required by DOE to compensate for past natural resource injuries at the Fernald Site. The Fernald NRTs have agreed that restoration activities will occur on the Fernald Site property both in parallel with remediation (to the extent possible) and after remediation of the site is complete. A draft Natural Resource Impact Assessment and Restoration Plan has been prepared by Fluor Daniel Fernald on behalf of the Fernald NRTs and is currently under review by the NRTs. The draft Restoration Plan proposes natural resource restoration activities over a significant portion of the Fernald Site. Once implemented, these areas would be committed as natural areas in perpetuity. This approach is consistent with the commitment in the Operable Unit 5 Record of Decision to remediate the Fernald Site under an Undeveloped Park scenario and has received tentative support from the Fernald Citizens Advisory Board. The goal of the Fernald NRTs is to reach consensus on the Restoration Plan in the coming months and to begin to solicit input from all interested stakeholders, including the CRO.

In that light, the Fernald NRTs would like to meet with the CRO or the appropriate Committee of the CRO at your earliest convenience to discuss the current restoration plans and discuss how the interests of the CRO can be appropriately considered in the ongoing planning of the Fernald NRTs. Please feel free to contact Johnny Reising at (513) 648-3139 or Pete Yerace at (513) 648-3161 on behalf of the Fernald NRTs with any questions regarding this matter or to identify a time that the NRTs can meet with your organization. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

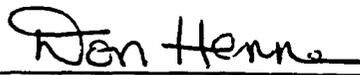
Sincerely,

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