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**FUTURE OF
FERNALD
WORKSHOP:**

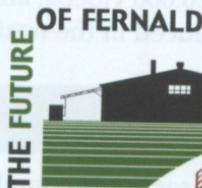
***Exploring Long-Term
Public Access to
Site Records***

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Crosby Senior Center

8910 Willey Road



The End is Just the Beginning

What is the purpose of this workshop?



Future of Fernald Workshops provide citizens a direct voice in determining how the Fernald site will be managed when the remediation project is completed. This fourth workshop will address fundamental questions about **current** and future generations' access to information about the site. Through in-depth dialog and hands-on activities, we will

explore together the issues essential to implementing an on-site information center:

- What information should be preserved and made available concerning Fernald's history, the remediation project, and future conditions at the site?
- How should this information be stored, organized, and presented to be most useful to the community?
- If a public information and education center is built at the site, how should it be organized and what should it include?

What records currently exist for the site?

Fifty years of activity at the site has generated a large volume of documents, photographs, videos, and artifacts. Due to a lawsuit, the DOE was not allowed to destroy any site records from 1986-2001. Today, the primary records storage facility for the site contains nearly 40,000 boxes, 100,000 photographs and over 26,000 videos, and even more information will be produced in the next few years.

Why should you participate?

The Future of Fernald process is completely community driven. Participation by a broad representation of area residents has helped us to shape a future for this property that will ensure a positive legacy for years to come. Your participation will help ensure that future generations have the knowledge and resources to understand and learn from the past.

What is the Fernald Environmental Management Project?

From 1951 through 1989, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) site in Fernald, Ohio produced uranium metals for the nation's nuclear weapons complex. Since that time, the DOE has been working to clean up contaminated soil and water at the site. Thousands of tons of waste and nuclear materials have been shipped off the site, while other low level waste has been placed in a specially designed on-site disposal facility. The majority of this environmental remediation project will be completed by about 2007. At that time approximately 800 acres of land will become available to implement the community's vision for the future use of the site.



What will happen at the Fernald site when the remediation project is completed?

Future of Fernald workshops conducted over the past few years have resulted in a consensus community vision for the site which includes an on-site education center and reinterment of Native American remains (see back cover). Approximately 80 percent of the site will be dedicated to ecological restoration and will be accessible to the public. However, DOE will retain ownership of the property. The area surrounding the on-site disposal facility will be restricted and monitored in perpetuity to protect human health and the environment.

Where can you get more information about the workshop?

- Contact the Fernald Citizens Advisory Board at 513-648-6478
- Visit www.fernaldcab.org
- For more information about the Fernald Environmental Management Project visit www.fernald.gov **or** visit the Public Environmental Information Center, in the Delta Building at 10995 Hamilton-Cleves Highway.

Future of Fernald workshops are conducted by the community and for the community. Participating community organizations include the Fernald Citizens Advisory Board, Fernald Living History, Inc., and Fernald Residents for Environment, Safety, and Health.

A STAKEHOLDER VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF FERNALD

Adopted by Fernald Stakeholders at the Third Future of Fernald Workshop, September 26, 2000.



Fernald Stakeholders envision a Future for the Fernald property that creates a federally-owned regional destination for educating this and future generations about the rich and varied history of Fernald. We envision a community resource that serves the ongoing information needs of area residents, education needs of local academic institutions, and reinterment of Native American remains. We envision a

safe, secure, and partially accessible site, integrated with the surrounding community that effectively protects human health and the environment from all residual contamination and fully maintains all aspects of the ecological restoration.



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Dear Member of the Fernald Community:

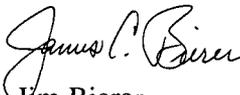
The light at the end of the tunnel is in sight and your input is more critical than ever.

Since 1989, the U.S. Department of Energy has been working to clean up polluted soil and water at the Fernald Environmental Management Project site. Thousands of tons of waste and nuclear materials have been shipped off the site, while other low level waste has been placed in a specially designed on-site disposal facility. The majority of this remediation project will be completed by 2007. Most of the 1050 acre site will be restored to native forest, wetlands and prairie, providing the community with a new natural area to enjoy.

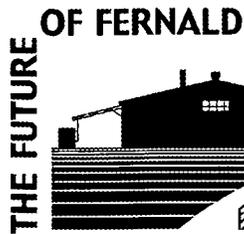
However, where contaminated buildings once stood, questions are likely to remain. What will you and future generations want to know about the Fernald site when the cleanup is completed? How will you find the answers to your questions? More than a decade of cleanup activities and nearly forty years of uranium production has generated 36,000 boxes of paper records, 100,000 photographs and over 26,000 videos to date, with much more to come. These materials hold the answers to questions about the history of the property, what happened during the remediation, and what remains on site.

On Wednesday, March 13th, the Fernald Citizens Advisory Board is hosting a Future of Fernald workshop to discuss public access to Fernald records after the cleanup is completed, and your participation is needed. The workshop will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Crosby Senior Center, 8910 Willey Road. We seek your input to important questions about the kinds of information the community will need in the future and how that information should be made available. The results of this workshop could inspire and shape the construction of a public information center at the site.

Please review the enclosed information about the workshop. You will also find a brief questionnaire, which we encourage you to complete and return by March 1st. If you have any questions or need directions to the workshop site, please contact us at 513-648-6478 or visit www.fernaldcab.org. We look forward to seeing you at the workshop on March 13th!

Sincerely,

Jim Bierer
Chair

Enclosures



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Public Records Questionnaire

In its ongoing efforts to plan for the use of the Fernald property following remediation, the Fernald Citizens Advisory Board (FCAB) Stewardship Committee will be holding the Fourth Future of Fernald workshop on March 13 at the Crosby Senior Center. Previous workshops resulted in a consensus community vision for the Fernald site that envisions the development of an on-site education center to provide area residents with historical documentation of the region and real-time information about environmental conditions at Fernald. This fourth workshop will focus on identifying the types of information most desired by the community at the proposed Education Center and the forms that it should take.

The FCAB is interested in your thoughts on these issues. The information you provide will help to prepare for the March 13 Future of Fernald Workshop. Thank you for your input.

Please answer each question using the five point scale: 1 = not important, 2 = fairly important, 3 = important, 4 = very important, 5 = extremely important. Use this self-mailer to return it to the FCAB, give it to an FCAB member, or fax it to 513-648-3629. Please return by 3/1/02.

1. How important is it to the Fernald area community to establish a public education and information center at the Fernald site following site remediation?

Not Important	Fairly Important	Important	Very Important	Extremely Important	Not Sure
1	2	3	4	5	
					(circle one)

2. How important is it that each of the following topics of information are included in Fernald Education Center?

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|--|---|---|---|---|---|----------|
| • Pre-1950 history of the site..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Not Sure |
| • History of uranium production at the site | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Not Sure |
| • Community History | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Not Sure |
| • Native American History in the Region | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Not Sure |
| • History and education on the local environment | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Not Sure |
| • Information about remediation at the site | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Not Sure |
| • Information about site conditions as finished | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Not Sure |
| • Information about site long term stewardship | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Not Sure |
| • Information about public health impacts..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Not Sure |
| • Environmental monitoring data as collected | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Not Sure |
| • Environmental and Natural Resource Education | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Not Sure |
| • Other: _____ | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Not Sure |

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3. What types of records and artifacts would you like to see preserved?

	Not Important	Fairly Important	Important	Very Important	Extremely Important	
• Short, plain language summaries of documents	1	2	3	4	5	Not Sure
• Original and complete documents	1	2	3	4	5	Not Sure
• Original artifacts from the Fernald sites.....	1	2	3	4	5	Not Sure
• Original photographs	1	2	3	4	5	Not Sure
• Digital photographs by computer access.....	1	2	3	4	5	Not Sure
• Videotapes of Fernald activities and history	1	2	3	4	5	Not Sure
• Other: _____	1	2	3	4	5	Not Sure

4. What forms of information would you most like to see at an on-site education center?

	Not Important	Fairly Important	Important	Very Important	Extremely Important	
• Hard Copies of Records, Reports, and Documents	1	2	3	4	5	Not Sure
• Computer stations to access information	1	2	3	4	5	Not Sure
• Web-based access to information	1	2	3	4	5	Not Sure
• Other: _____	1	2	3	4	5	Not Sure

If you would like to be on the Future of Fernald mailing list, please include your name and address.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Please circle one in each category:

- Age: Under 20
21-35
36-50
Over 50
- How close do you live to Fernald?
Less than 2 miles
2 - 5 miles
More than 5 miles
- How long have you lived there?
Less than 3 years
3 - 7 years
More than 7 years

For more information on the Future of Fernald and the March 13 Workshop, or to complete this questionnaire on-line, please visit www.FernaldCAB.org