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Mrs. Lisa Crawford, Fernald Citizen Advisory Board



Dear Mr. Bierer and Mrs. Crawford:

RESPONSE TO FERNALD CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD (FCAB) COMMENTS ON THE APRIL 2005 DRAFT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE LEGACY MANAGEMENT PLAN AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS PLAN (LMICP)

The Department of Energy (DOE) appreciates the Fernald Citizens Advisory Board taking the time to review and comment on the April 2005 draft of the Comprehensive Legacy Management Plan and Institutional Controls Plan (LMICP). This letter is a response to the FCAB's comments regarding the document.

The first comment on Volumes I and II requests that the future contractors under the Office of Legacy Management be directly engaged in communications with the public. DOE's Office of Environmental Management has worked very closely with their cleanup contractor, Fluor Fernald, Inc., in every aspect of the cleanup process and closure planning, including public relations. The Office of Legacy Management will do the same. Their primary contractor will be directly involved in all aspects of legacy management of the Fernald site, including public relations.

The second comment on Volumes I and II requests that the text of the LMICP be revised to state that hunting and trapping of wildlife could be authorized for research and monitoring activities. The text in Section 2.1.1 of Volume II states that hunting is prohibited for unauthorized personnel. However, DOE will revise the text to state that hunting and trapping may be permitted for research and monitoring purposes only.

The first comment on the Community Involvement Plan (CIP) requests that DOE list sample issues in the CIP on which Legacy Management anticipates seeking public input. DOE will include an example list of the types of issues that they anticipate discussing with the public. The list will not be a specific defined list of issues, as issues may arise and dissipate over time.

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The second comment on the CIP requests that the FCAB and the Local Stakeholder Organization (LSO) be discussed in their own sections of the CIP, as they are government sanctioned groups. Section 5.0 of the CIP discusses in detail both the FCAB and the LSO, indicating their government support. DOE will review the text to see if additional detail on the organizations is required.

The third comment on the CIP requests that the Fernald website include links to other government and community websites. DOE will provide links to additional websites that will support or enhance information provided on the Fernald website. The fernald.gov website will be accessed through the Legacy Management website.

The revised version of the LMICP was submitted to the agencies on September 28, 2005. The Community Involvement Plan was moved to Volume II. The FCAB will have an opportunity to review and comment on the document. Further detail regarding education and the LSO at Fernald has been included in the September version. The final LMICP is still planned for submittal in January 2006.

Thank you again for your time in reviewing the LMICP. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Johnny Reising at (513) 648-3139.

Sincerely,


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