

school within the State. The Department will use the information to determine which applicants should be designated as "ED-Flex Partnership States," thus receiving delegated authority to grant waivers of certain federal statutory and regulatory requirements.

Additional Information: An emergency review for this collection is requested for OMB approval by January 19, 1995, to assure that states will have sufficient notice of the application requirements and selection criteria. We expect to make awards during the spring of 1995 to facilitate State and local reform efforts.

Frequency: One time

Affected Public: State or local governments

Reporting Burden: Responses: 57

Burden Hours: 4,560

Recordkeeping Burden: Recordkeepers: 3

Burden Hours: 240

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Floodplain Statement of Findings for Operable Unit 1 Remedial Action at the Fernald Environmental Management Project

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE), Fernald Area Office

ACTION: Notice of Floodplain Statement of Findings.

SUMMARY: This is to give notice of DOE's planned actions for the Fernald Environmental Management Project (FEMP), located approximately 18 miles (29 kilometers) northwest of Cincinnati, Ohio. The subject of this Notice of Floodplain Statement of Findings is Operable Unit 1 Remedial Action. Operable Unit 1 is comprised of eight sub-units or areas: Wastes Pits 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, the Burn Pit and the Clearwell. DOE proposes to protect human health and the environment by removing Operable Unit 1 waste pit contents, contaminated soils and liquids, treating the waste through drying, and disposing the waste off-property at a commercial disposal facility. Some of these activities take place in a floodplain located in Hamilton County, Ohio. As a part of the Operable Unit 1 Feasibility Study, DOE prepared a floodplain and wetlands assessment describing the effects, alternatives, and measures designed to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the affected floodplain. The assessment found that the proposed

action would have minimal temporary or long-term impacts on the floodplain.

DATES: Written comments must be received by the DOE at the following address on or before February 9, 1995.

ADDRESSES: For further information on this proposed action (including location maps) contact: Mr. Wally Quaider, Acting Associate Director, Office of Safety & Assessment, DOE Fernald Area Office, P.O. Box 538705, Cincinnati, Ohio 45253-8705, Phone: (513) 648-3137, Facsimile: (513) 648-3077.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on general DOE Floodplain/Wetlands environmental review requirements, contact: Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Office of NEPA Oversight, EH-25, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585, Phone: (202) 586-4600 or 1-800-472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a Floodplain Statement of Findings for the Operable Unit 1 Remedial Action prepared in accordance with Executive Order 11988 and 10 CFR Part 1022. A Notice of Floodplain/Wetland Involvement was published in the **Federal Register** (FR) on October 18, 1994 (59 FR 52525) and a floodplain and wetlands assessment was incorporated in the Operable Unit 1 Feasibility Study. DOE is proposing to remove waste pit contents, caps and liners, treat the waste by thermal drying, and dispose of the waste at an off-site permitted commercial disposal facility. The proposed action would result in excavation and grading activities within the 100- and 500-year floodplain of Paddys Run, due to the close proximity of the waste pits to the floodplain. Alternatives to the proposed action are no-action, on-site disposal (treatment through vitrification), on-site disposal (treatment through cement solidification), and off-site disposal to the Nevada Test Site.

The temporary and long-term impacts on the floodplain would be minimal. The Operable Unit 1 remedial activities would have temporary impacts on the floodplain in the short-term due to grading. In addition, a stone-lined drainage ditch would be constructed as part of grading activities in the waste pit area to promote positive drainage. The drainage ditch would only result in minor flow increases during rain events and would not result in significant changes in the flood elevations of Paddys Run.

DOE has determined that there is no practicable alternative to the proposed remedial action and that this action has been designed to minimize harm to the 100- and 500-year floodplain of Paddys

Run. Engineering controls (e.g., expeditious backfilling, silt fences, straw bales) will minimize indirect impacts such as runoff and sediment deposition to the floodplain. In addition, all physically disturbed areas of the floodplain will be regraded to near original contours, resulting in no change to flood elevations. Over the long-term, a positive impact on the floodplain would occur due to an increase in the floodplain area adjacent to the remediated waste pits, thus minimizing the magnitude of downstream flood events. Furthermore, the elimination of contaminated source term material currently located in the floodplain of Paddys Run would have a positive indirect effect. The proposed action does conform to applicable State and local floodplain protection standards. Before this action begins, approval would be obtained from State and Federal agencies having jurisdiction.

Issued in Miamisburg, Ohio on January 18, 1995.

George R. Gartrell,

Acting Manager, Ohio Field Office.

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Notice of Floodplain Statement of Findings for Operable Unit 2 Remedial Action at the Fernald Environmental Management Project

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE), Fernald Area Office.

ACTION: Notice of Floodplain Statement of Findings.

SUMMARY: This is to give notice of DOE's planned actions for the Fernald Environmental Management Project (FEMP), located approximately 18 miles (29 kilometers) northwest of Cincinnati, Ohio. The subject of this Notice of Floodplain Statement of Findings is Operable Unit 2 Remedial Action. Operable Unit 2 is comprised of five sub-units or areas: the Solid Waste Landfill, Lime Sludge Ponds, Inactive Flyash Pile, South Field and the Active Flyash Pile. DOE proposes to protect human health and the environment by excavating waste exceeding Preliminary Remediation Levels (PRLs) not protective of the expanded trespasser and disposing of the waste in an on-property disposal facility (Note: Waste that does not meet waste acceptance criteria [an estimated 1%] for the disposal facility would be disposed of off-site). Excavation and construction activities associated with implementation of this alternative would involve a small portion of the

floodplain along Paddys Run in Fernald, Ohio. As a part of the Operable Unit 2 Feasibility Study/Proposed Plan, DOE prepared a floodplain/wetlands assessment describing the effects, alternatives, and measures designed to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the affected floodplain. The assessment found that the proposed action would have minimal temporary or long-term impacts on the floodplain.

DATES: Written comments must be received by the DOE at the following address on or before February 9, 1995.

ADDRESSES: For further information on this proposed action (including location map), contact: Mr. Wally Quaider, Acting Associate Director, Office of Safety & Assessment, U.S. Department of Energy, Fernald Area Office, P.O. Box 538705 Cincinnati, Ohio 45253-8705, Phone: (513) 648-3137, Facsimile: (513) 648-3077.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on general DOE Floodplain/Wetlands environmental review requirements, contact: Ms. Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Oversight, EH-25, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585, Phone: (202) 586-4600 or 1-800-472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Floodplain Statement of Findings for the Operable Unit 2 Remedial Action at the FEMP has been prepared in accordance with Executive Order 11988 and 10 CFR Part 1022. A Notice of Floodplain/Wetlands Involvement was published in the **Federal Register** (FR) on January 4, 1995 (60 FR 446) and a floodplain/wetlands assessment was incorporated in the Operable Unit 2 Feasibility Study/Proposed Plan (FS/PP). DOE is proposing to protect human health and the environment by controlling continuous migration of contaminants from the five waste areas within Operable Unit 2: the Solid Waste Landfill, Lime Sludge Ponds, Inactive Flyash Pile, South Field, and Active Flyash Pile. In order to eliminate the threat of a release to Paddys Run, limited excavation would occur in the floodplain. Direct physical impact to the floodplain would result from the excavation of contaminated sediments and lead bullets and fragments, the construction of a temporary haul road, and heavy equipment operating within the floodplain. Potential indirect impacts to the 100- and 500-year floodplain as a result of the remedial activities involving the Inactive Flyash Pile, South Field, and Active Flyash Pile include surface water runoff and sedimentation loading into the floodplain. Several alternatives were

considered and evaluated in making this determination, including: no action, consolidation/containment, excavation and off-site disposal, and excavation and on-property disposal with off-site disposal of waste exceeding waste acceptance criteria (i.e., the preferred alternative). Direct and indirect impacts would occur during the implementation of any action alternative considered. However, no change in flood elevations would be expected because disturbed areas would be backfilled and regraded.

DOE has determined that there is no practicable alternative to the proposed remedial action and that this action has been designed to minimize harm to the 100- and 500-year floodplain of Paddys Run. Engineering controls (e.g., expeditious backfilling, silt fences, straw bales) will minimize indirect impacts such as runoff and sediment deposition to the floodplain. In addition, all physically disturbed areas of the floodplain will be regraded to near original contours, resulting in no change to flood elevations. The proposed remedial action has been designed to conform to applicable State and local floodplain protection standards. Before this action begins, approval would be obtained from State and Federal agencies having jurisdiction.

Issued in Miamisburg, Ohio on January 18, 1995.

George R. Gartrell,

Acting Manager, Ohio Field Office.

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Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board, the Fernald Citizens Task Force

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), the Fernald Citizens Task Force.

DATES: Saturday, February 18, 1995: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (public comment session, 11:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)

ADDRESSES: The February 18 meeting will be held at: The Joint Information Center, 6025 Dixie Highway, Route 4, Fairfield, Ohio.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John S. Applegate, Chair of the Fernald Citizens Task Force, P.O. Box 544, Ross, Ohio 45061, or call the Fernald Citizens

Task Force message line (513) 648-6478.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of future use, cleanup levels, waste disposition and cleanup priorities at the Fernald site.

Tentative Agenda

Saturday, February 18, 1995

8:30 a.m.—Task Force Administration

8:50 a.m.—Review of New Information, Results of January 25, 1995 Public Workshop

9:45 a.m.—Break

10:00 a.m.—Discussion and Draft Resolutions

11:45 p.m.—Public Comment

12:00 p.m.—Vote on Resolutions

12:15 p.m.—Wrap Up

12:30 p.m.—Adjourn

A final agenda will be available at the meeting, Saturday, February 18, 1995.

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Task Force chair either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact the Task Force chair at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Designated Federal Official, Kenneth Morgan, Public Affairs Officer, Ohio Field Office, U.S. Department of Energy, is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available by writing to John S. Applegate, Chair, the Fernald Citizens Task Force, P.O. Box 544, Ross, Ohio 45061 or by calling the Task Force message line at (513) 648-6478.

Issued at Washington, DC on January 20, 1995.

Rachel Murphy Samuel,

Acting Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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