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# Community Meeting

October 13, 2020

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management (LM) 23rd public meeting on the Fernald Preserve, Ohio, Site was held virtually on October 13, 2020. The 14 (plus 11 site staff) attendees reviewed a summary of the *2019 Site Environmental Report* and received an update on current site activities.



# Agenda

- **Worker Safety and Health**
- **COVID-19 Impacts**
- **CERCLA Five-Year Review**
- **Comprehensive Legacy Management and Institutional Controls Plan (LMICP)**
- **2019 Site Environmental Report (SER)**
- **Aquifer Restoration**
- **Ecological Restoration**
- **Community Engagement**
- **Natural Resource Trusteeship**
- **Site Projects**
- **Look Ahead**

Community Meeting Agenda.



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  - Site Lead
- Karen Voisard
  - Environmental Monitoring, Data Management, and Reporting
- Ken Broberg
  - On-Site Disposal Facility (OSDF) and Aquifer Restoration
- Lisa McHenry
  - Ecological Restoration
- Penny Borgman
  - Interpretive Services

Fernald Preserve site management, and LM contractor, Navarro Research and Engineering, Inc., project leads.



# Fernald Preserve

## U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management (LM) Mission

**FERNALD LEGACY MANAGEMENT**

**LAND USE**  
395 acres of Woodlots  
352 acres of Prairies and Grassland  
98 acres of OSDF  
83 acres of Wetlands  
60 acres of Open Water  
33 acres of Savannas  
29 acres of Infrastructure

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**To fulfill the Department's post-closure responsibilities and ensure the future protection of human health and the environment.**

The LM mission at the Fernald Preserve.



# Fernald Preserve

## U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management (LM) Mission

### Operable Unit 1

- Waste pits

### Operable Unit 2

- Other waste units

### Operable Unit 3

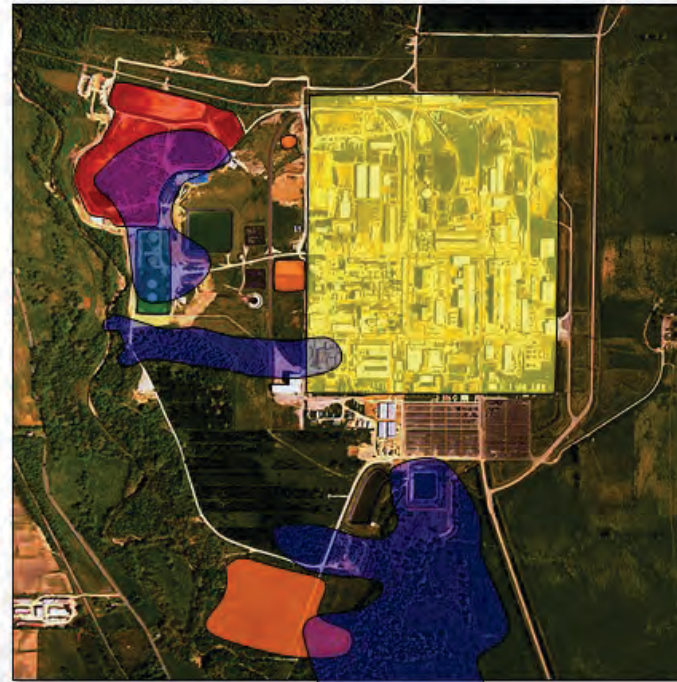
- Production area

### Operable Unit 4

- Silos

### Operable Unit 5

- Environmental media  
(soil, groundwater,  
surface water)



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Site cleanup was divided into five Operable Units.



# Fernald Preserve

## U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management (LM) Mission

- A** • Weapons to Wetlands  
– 0.25 mile
- B** • Biowetland  
– 0.1 mile
- C** • Shingle Oak  
– 0.7 mile
- D** • Sycamore  
– 1.9 miles
- E** • Hickory  
– 3.0 miles
- F** • Lodge Pond  
– 1.4 miles
- G** • Overlook
- H** • Wildlife blind



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Approximately seven miles of trails are available for hiking at the Fernald Preserve.



# Worker Safety and Health

## Occupational Safety and Health Administration Recordable Rates

Industry	DOE Complex <small>(Remediation Services)</small>	LMS
1.7	0.9	0.19

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Restricted Days	First Aid
0	0

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LMS Safe Work Hours: 1,040,166



Safety records at the Fernald Preserve and in the nationwide LM program continue to surpass overall DOE and private sector standards.



# 2020 COVID-19 Response



DOE adjusted site activities and public access in response to direction from DOE Headquarters and to state of Ohio guidance regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.





# CERCLA Five-Year Review

- **Required by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)**
- **Purpose is to determine whether remedy remains protective of human health and the environment**
- **Draft report due to the U.S. EPA by April 1, 2021**
- **Five-Year Review process**
  - **Community involvement**
  - **Community notification**
  - **Document review**
  - **Data review and analysis**
  - **Site inspections**
  - **Questionnaires**
  - **Assess protectiveness**



The Fifth CERCLA Five-Year Review of the Fernald site was initiated in October 2020. The draft report will be available for stakeholders to review in April 2021.



# CERCLA Five-Year Review

Hard copies and digital copies available

- [www.energy.gov/lm](http://www.energy.gov/lm)
- Email requests to: [fernaldd@lm.doe.gov](mailto:fernaldd@lm.doe.gov)



***Questionnaires will be accepted through November 13, 2020***

Stakeholder input is an important component of the process. Questionnaires are available and will be accepted through November 13, 2020. [www.energy.gov/lm](http://www.energy.gov/lm)  
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## ***Comprehensive Legacy Management and Institutional Controls Plan***

### **LMICP**

- **LMICP describes the requirements for the site's long-term management**
- **LMICP is reviewed, revised, and submitted annually to the regulatory agencies**
- **LMICP consists of two volumes:**
  - **Volume I details site management**
  - **Volume II is required under the CERCLA remedy and is a legally enforceable document**
- **A variance process was implemented for changes occurring in 2020**
- **[www.energy.gov/lm](http://www.energy.gov/lm)**

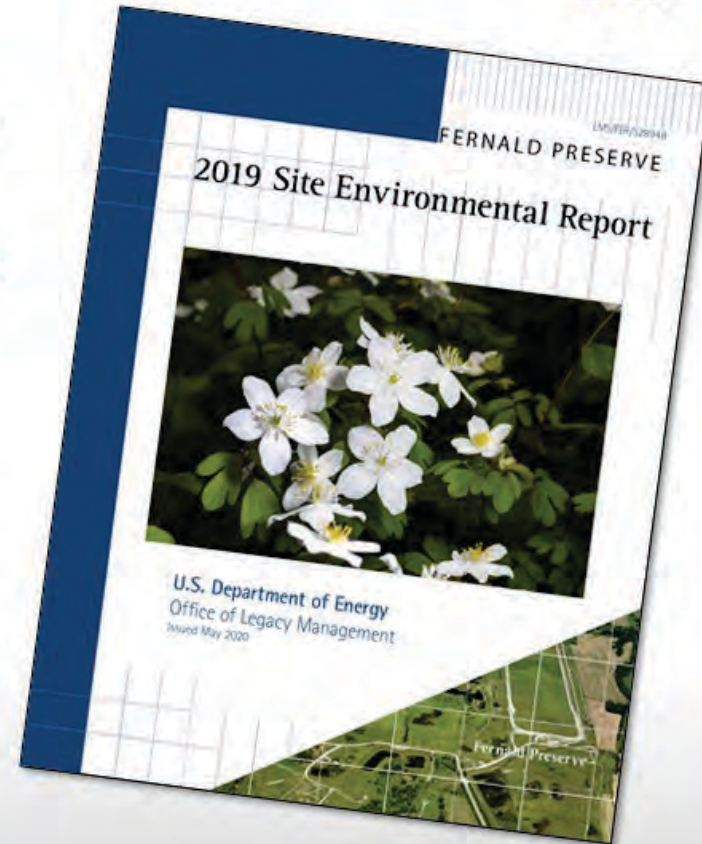
The *Comprehensive Legacy Management and Institutional Controls Plan* documents the requirements for Fernald Preserve's long-term management and is reviewed annually and updated as necessary. The latest version is available at <https://www.energy.gov/lm/fernal-d-preserve-ohio-site>.




# 2019 Site Environmental Report

**SER**

- [www.energy.gov/lm](http://www.energy.gov/lm)
- Email requests to: [fernal@lm.doe.gov](mailto:fernal@lm.doe.gov)



The *2019 Site Environmental Report* contains annual monitoring requirement results and is available at <https://www.energy.gov/lm/fernal-preserve-ohio-site>.



# Monitoring

## 2019

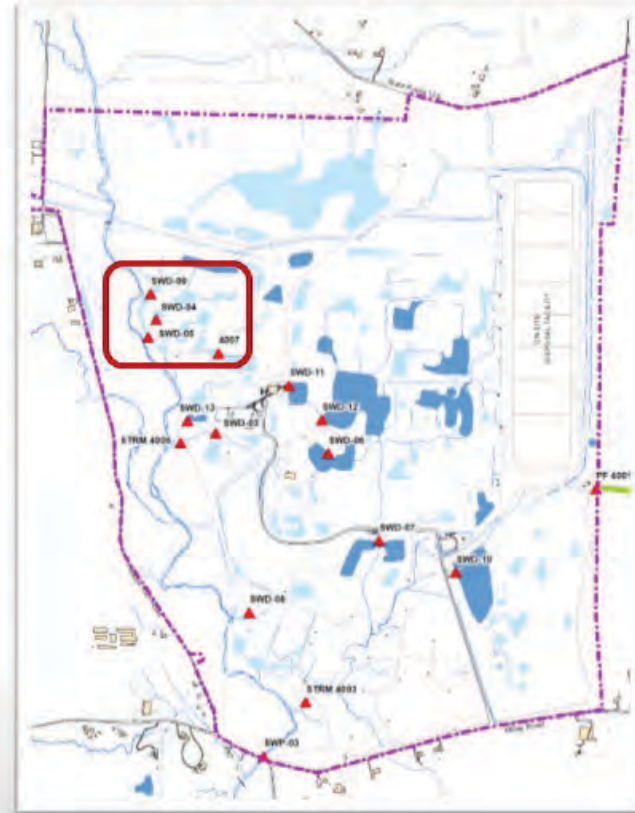
- **Surface water sampling at 16 locations**
- **Site effluent sampling at one location**
- **OSDF leak-detection monitoring at 42 locations**
- **Groundwater sampling at 93 monitoring wells**
- **Water-level monitoring at up to 177 wells**

Routine environmental monitoring is conducted to ensure continued effectiveness of the site's cleanup. The 2019 monitoring program included sampling groundwater, surface water, and effluent.



# Monitoring

## Surface Water and Site Effluent

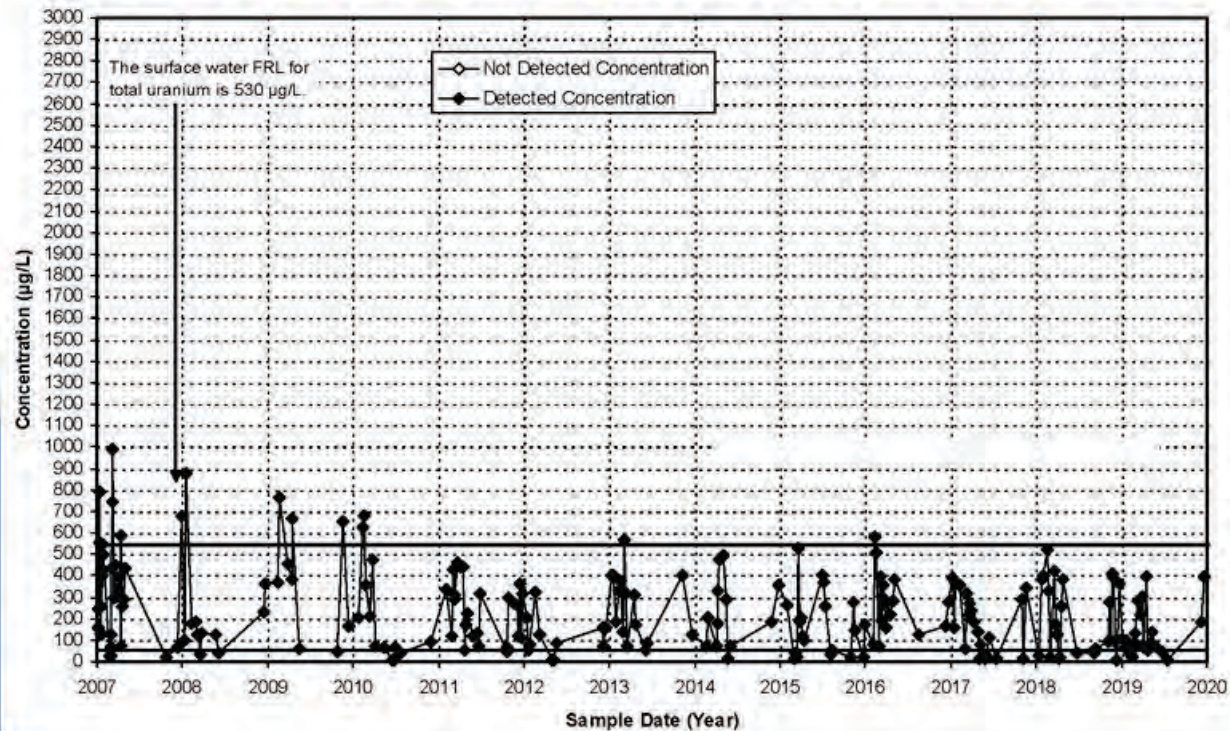


Surface water continues to be monitored at numerous locations on and off-site.



# Monitoring

## Surface Water Total Uranium Concentration SWD-05



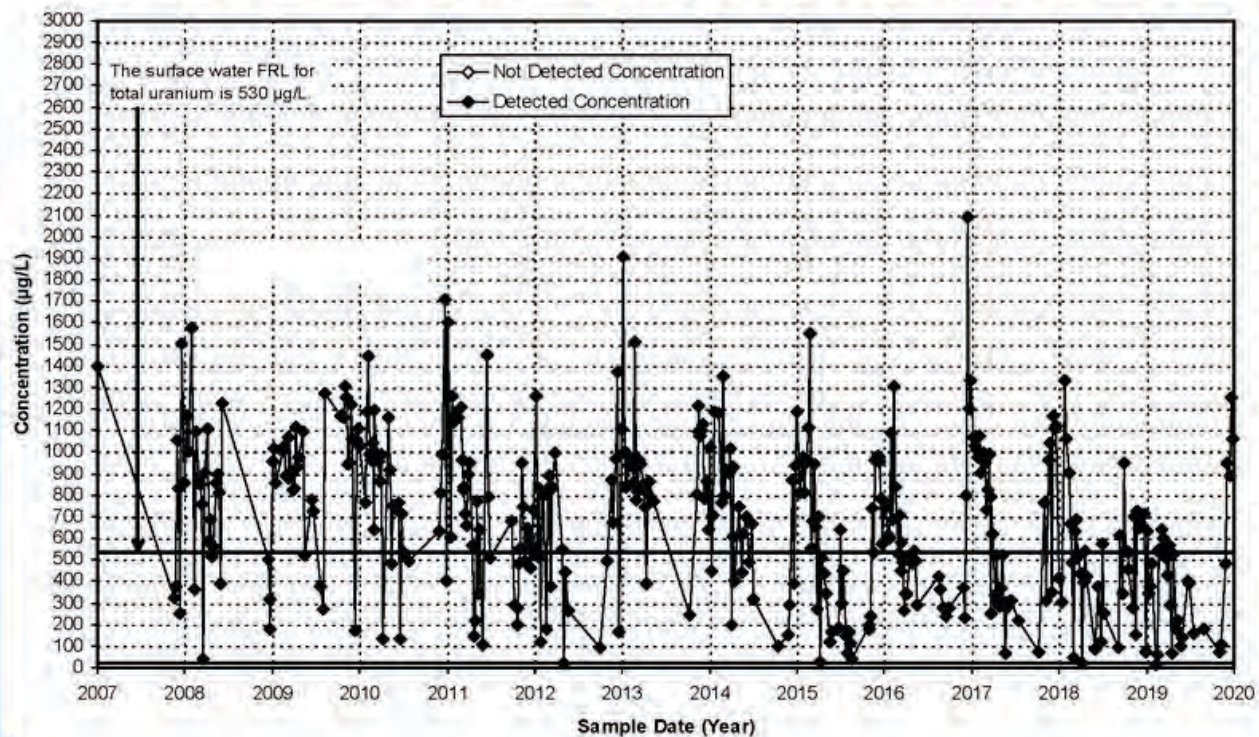
The 2019 results at sampling location SWD-05 were below the surface water total uranium final remediation level of 530 micrograms per liter.



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# Monitoring

## Surface Water Total Uranium Concentration SWD-09

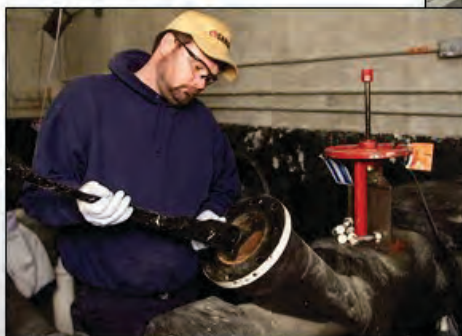
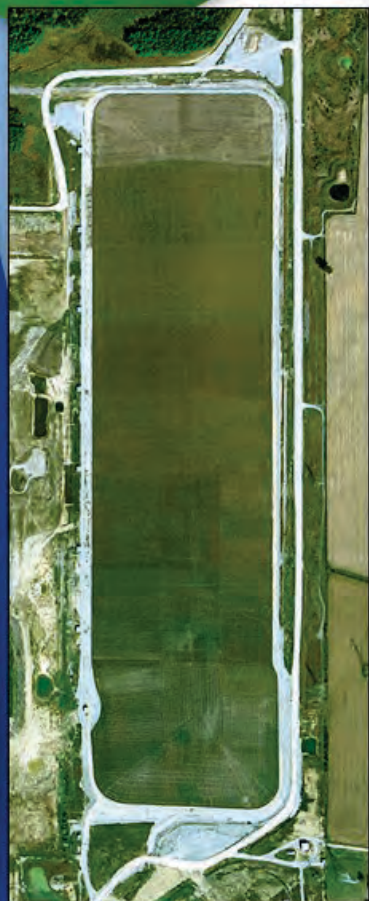


The 530 microgram per liter final remediation level was exceeded at SWD-09 during 2019, however, levels stayed below the high concentration recorded in late 2016. Sampling locations SWD-09 and SWD-05 are not located in publicly accessible areas of the site.





# On-Site Disposal Facility

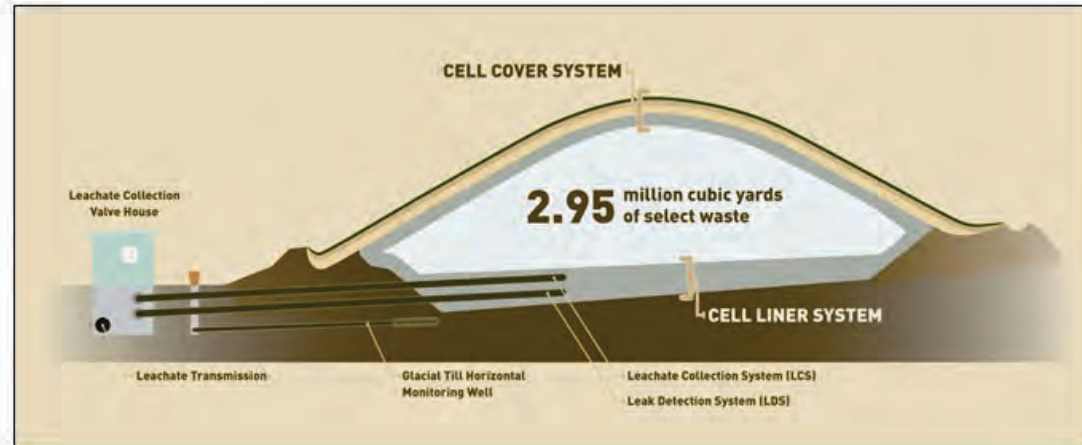


The On-Site Disposal Facility (OSDF) is an engineered waste storage facility that holds 2.95 million cubic yards of waste (85% soil/soil-like material and 15% demolition debris) that was generated as part of the site cleanup.



# On-Site Disposal Facility

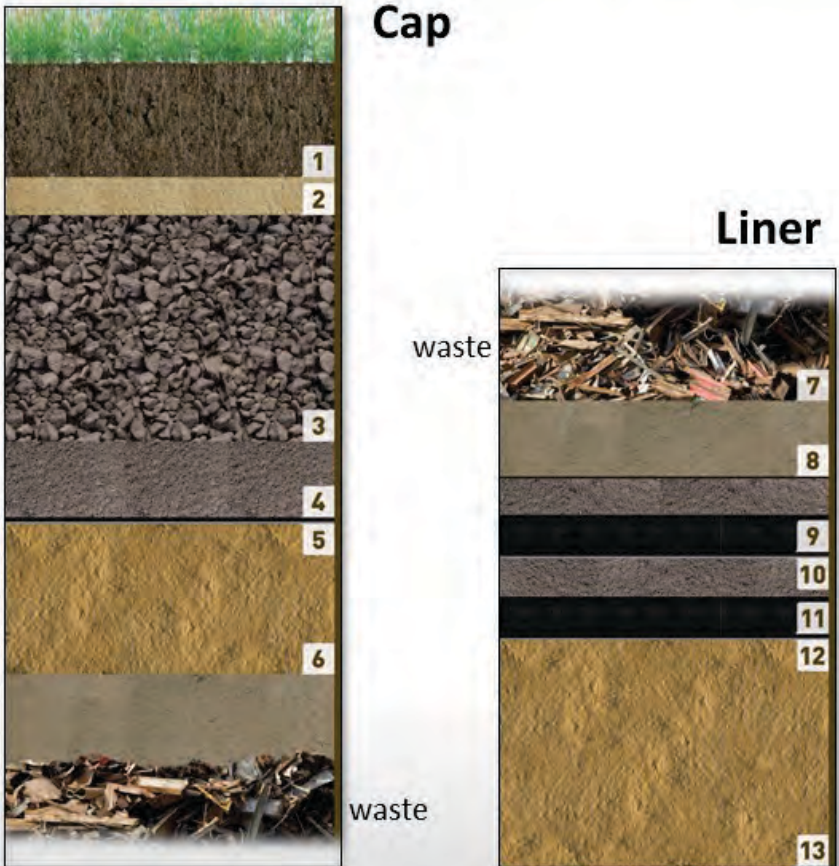
## Leachate Collection System



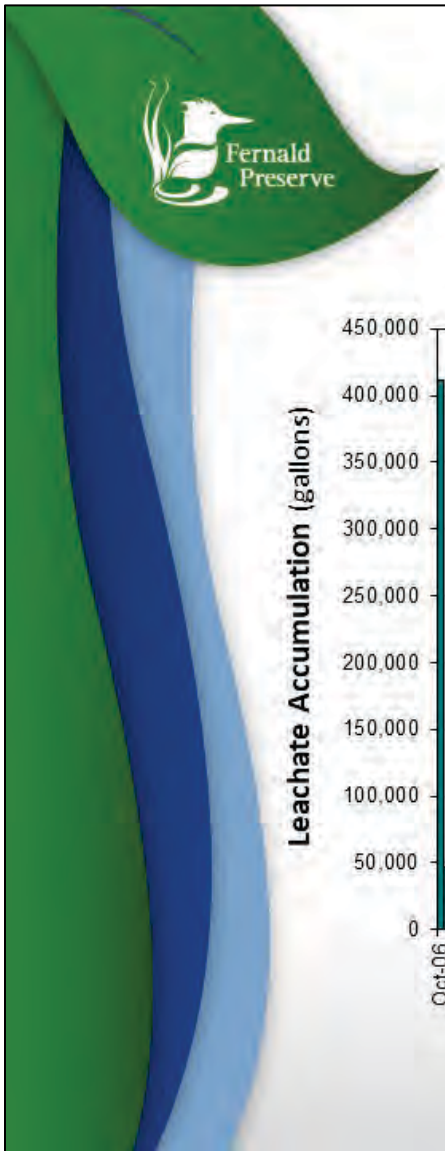
The OSDF was constructed with an engineered liner and cover system that serves to isolate the entombed waste from the environment.



# On-Site Disposal Facility

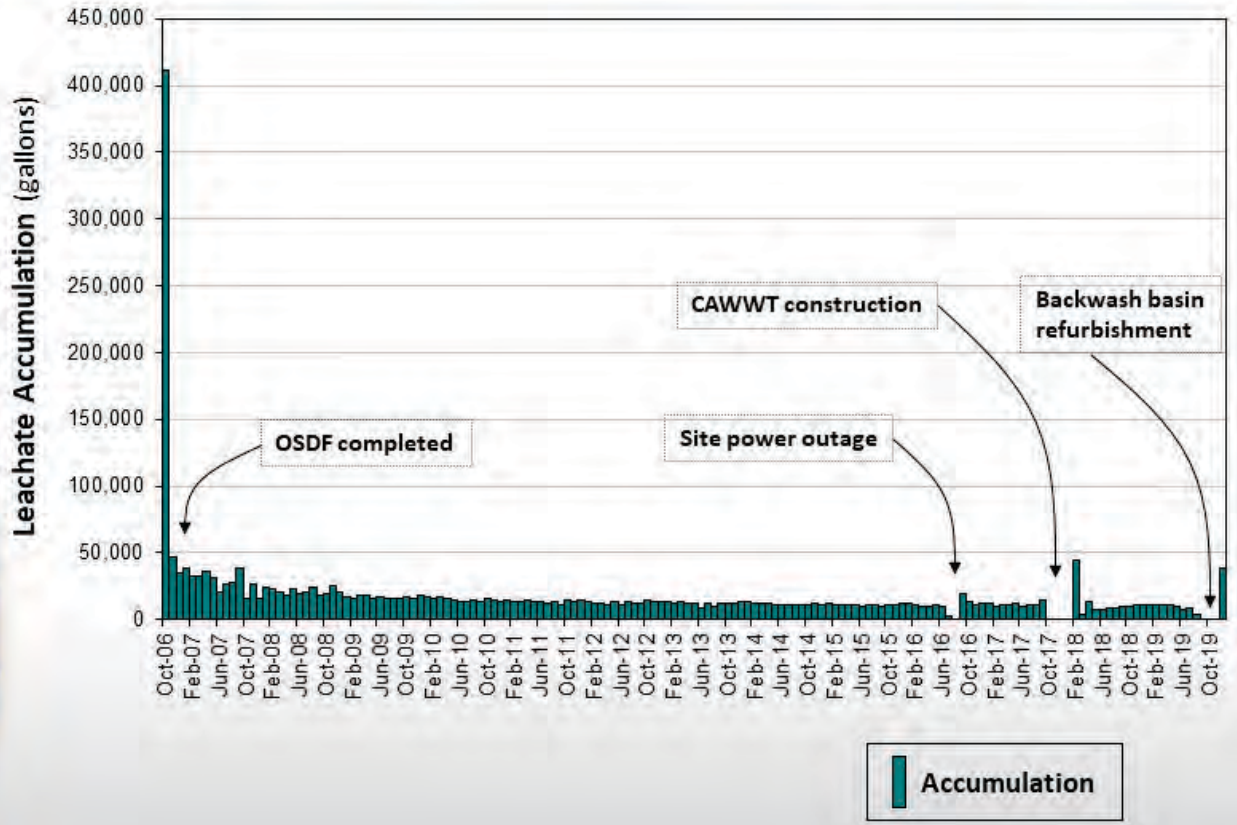


Waste is safely encapsulated between a 9-foot cap and a 6-foot liner within the OSDF.



# On-Site Disposal Facility

## Leachate Collection System – Monthly Flow

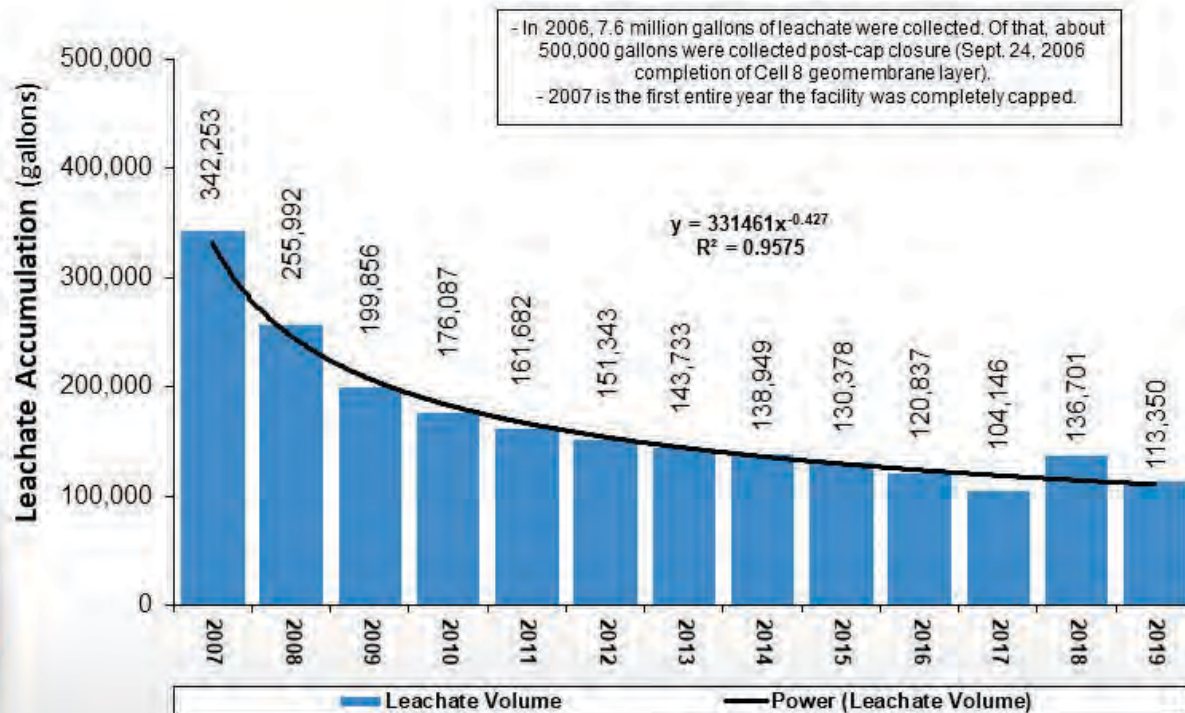


Leachate is the moisture in the waste within the OSDF and includes water sprayed on the waste to control dust and rainfall events during remediation and placement in the OSDF. The leachate is collected and transferred to an on-site treatment facility. Before the cover system was completed in October 2006, hundreds of thousands of gallons of leachate flowed each month.



# On-Site Disposal Facility

## Leachate Collection System - Annual Flow

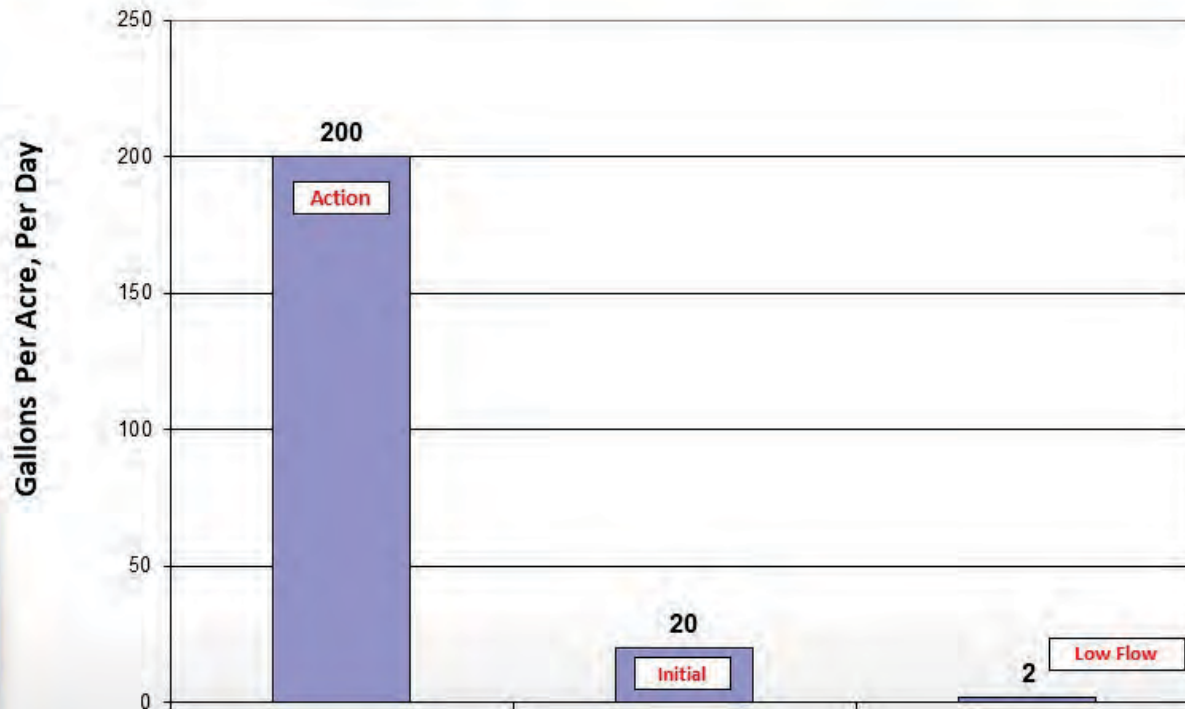


Leachate is the moisture in the waste within the OSDF. The leachate is collected and transferred to an on-site water treatment facility. As expected, annual leachate flow continues to decline.



# On-Site Disposal Facility

## Leak Detection System – Flow Rates



By design, monitoring flow from the Leak Detection System (LDS) is one of the main indicators of whether the facility is operating as designed. DOE monitors the volume of liquid collected by the LDS. Different flow rate thresholds were established over time as volumes decreased (see next slide).



# On-Site Disposal Facility

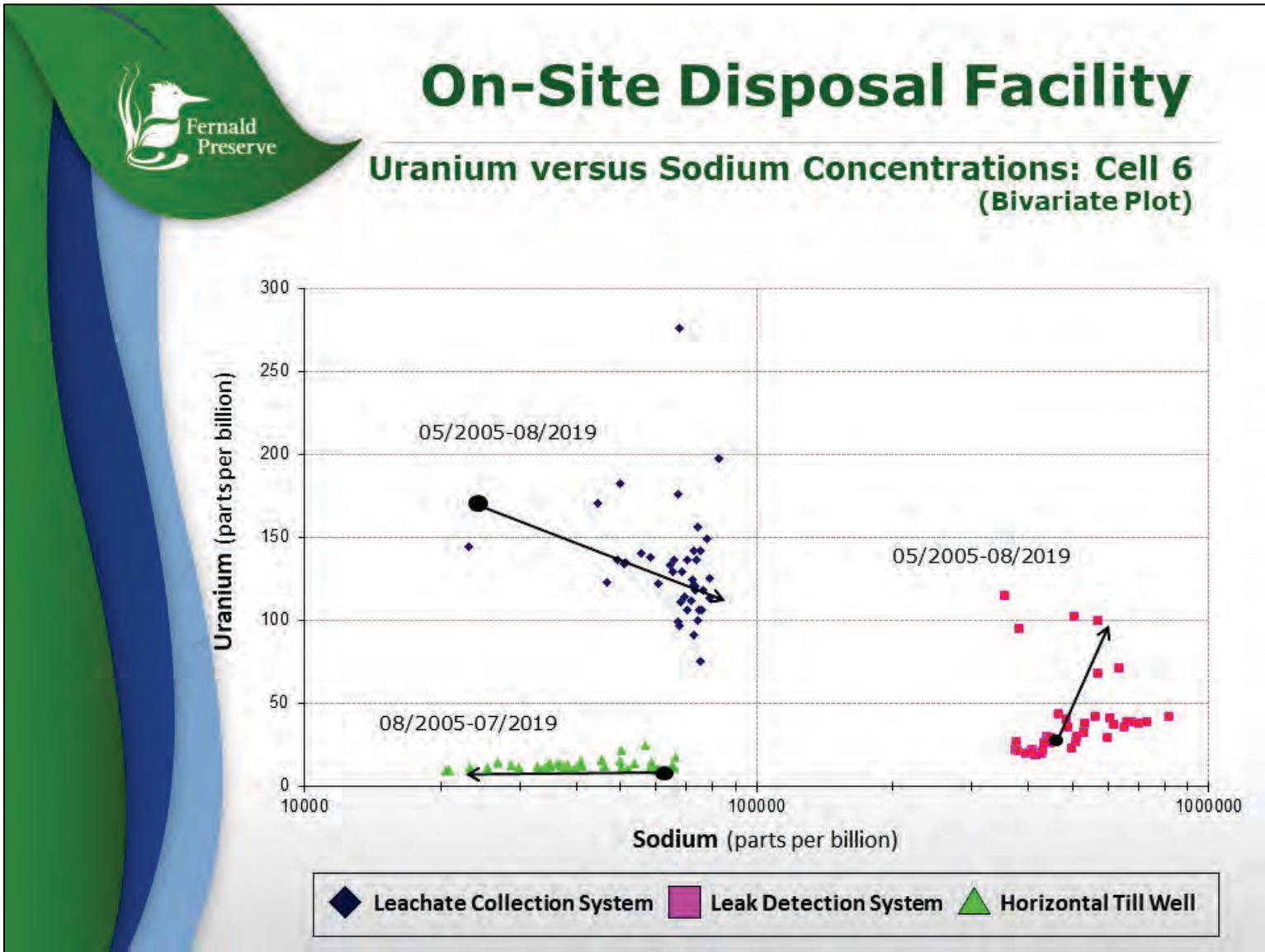
## Low Flow Response Leakage Rate Basis

Year	Cell	Maximum Accumulation Rate (gpad)	Maximum Flow Rate (gpd)
2008	5	1.36	8.70
2009	5	0.48	3.10
2010	6	0.21	1.30
2011	8	0.38	3.50
2012	6	0.10	0.64
2013	6	0.07	0.45
2014	6	0.06	0.40
2015	6	0.23	1.50
2016	6	0.18	1.20
2017	6	0.05	0.32
2018	6	0.11	0.70
2019	6	0.32	1.60

Action leakage rate	200 gpad	1,300-1,900 gpd
Initial response leakage rate	20 gpad	130-190 gpd
Low response leakage rate	2 gpad	13-19 gpd

gpad: gallons per acre per day  
 gpd: gallons per day

Leak Detection System accumulation rates in the disposal cells are so low that a low-flow response leakage rate of 2 gallons per acre per day has been defined. By comparison, the response leakage rate is 20 gallons per acre per day and the action leakage rate is 200 gallons per acre per day.



A comparison of uranium concentrations and sodium concentrations in and below Cell 6 of the OSDF is an example of a method used to demonstrate that the liner system is working as designed.





# On-Site Disposal Facility

**Performance: 2019**

- **Backwash basin refurbishment resulted in closing the Leachate Collection System (LCS) and Leachate Detection System (LDS) lines for 112 days in 2019**
  - **Well below the allowed 156 days provided by the facility design**
- **No indication of leaks**
- **Highest recorded levels of LDS accumulation was:**
  - **Cell 6: 0.32 gallon per acre per day (gpad)**
    - **Low flow response leakage rate: 2 gpad**
    - **Initial response leakage rate: 20 gpad**
    - **Action leakage rate: 200 gpad**
- **The trend in LCS volumes appears to be similar to previous years, indicating the cell cap is functioning as designed**

OSDF continues to perform as designed in 2019.

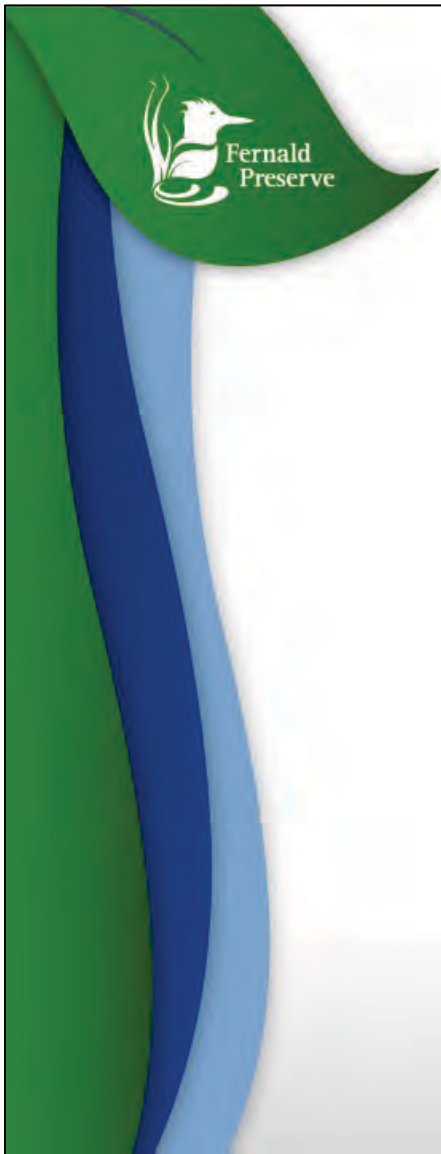


# On-Site Disposal Facility

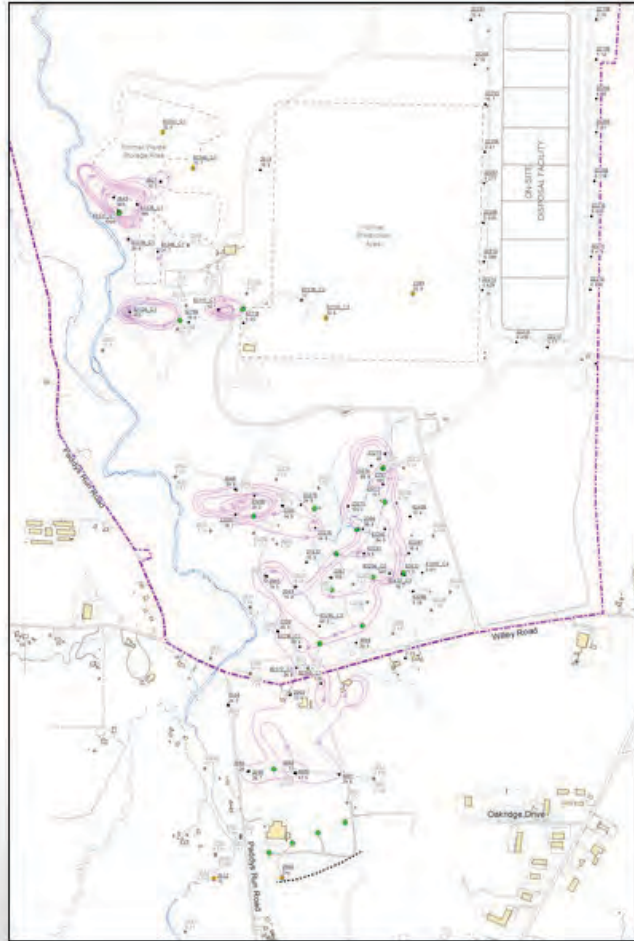
## Performance: 2019 (continued)

- LDS accumulation rates indicate the liner systems are performing as designed
- Water-quality trends in the horizontal till wells and Great Miami Aquifer wells indicate concentration fluctuations beneath the facility are not related to facility performance
- No visual signs of compromised cap integrity

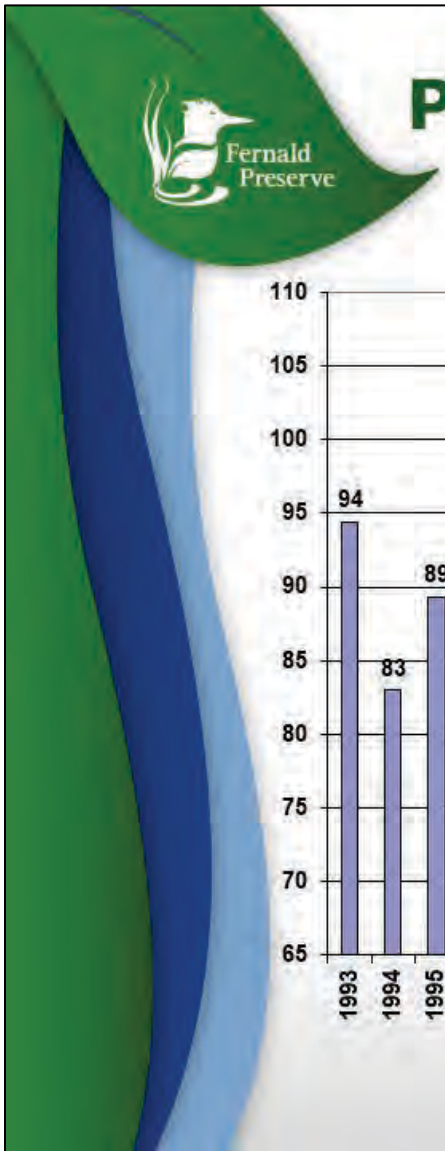
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# Aquifer Restoration

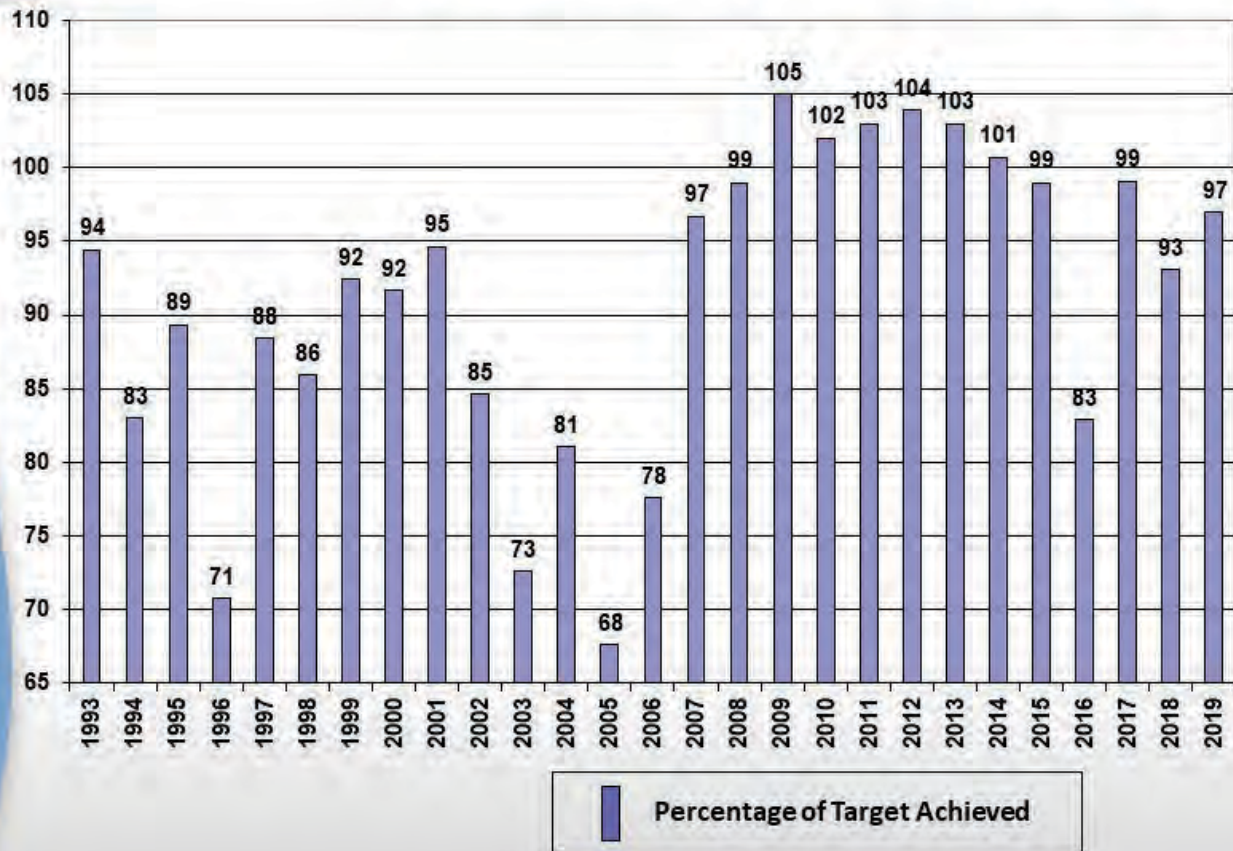


A concentration-based groundwater cleanup continues at the site.



# Percent of Target Achieved

(Actual versus Target) 1993-2019

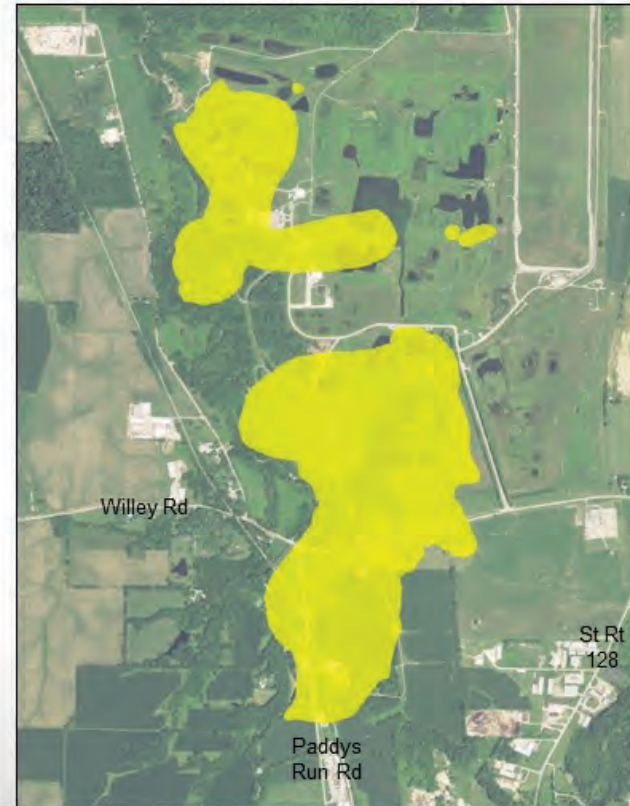



Since site closure in 2006, operations have achieved at least 97% of the planned annual target pumping rates, with the exception of: 1) an unplanned well field shutdown that occurred due to site electrical problems in the summer of 2016, and 2) several well field shutdowns that occurred during planned demolition and construction to downsize the Converted Advanced Wastewater Treatment facility (CAWWT) in 2018.



# Aquifer Restoration

## Target Certification Footprint



 Target Certification Footprint

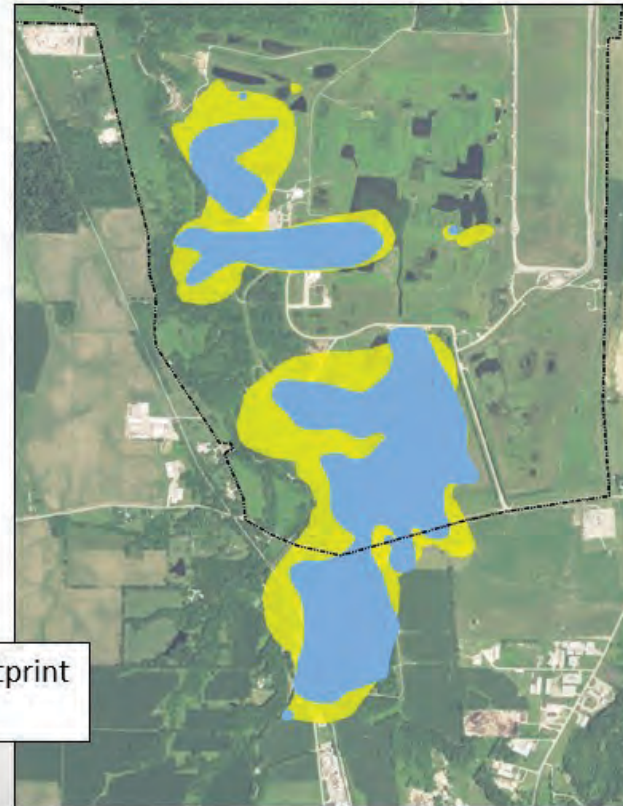
The target certification footprint is the area of the plume targeted for cleanup (312.697 acres).



# Aquifer Restoration

Maximum Plume Acreage: 2006

- Target Certification Footprint
- 2006 Plume Footprint

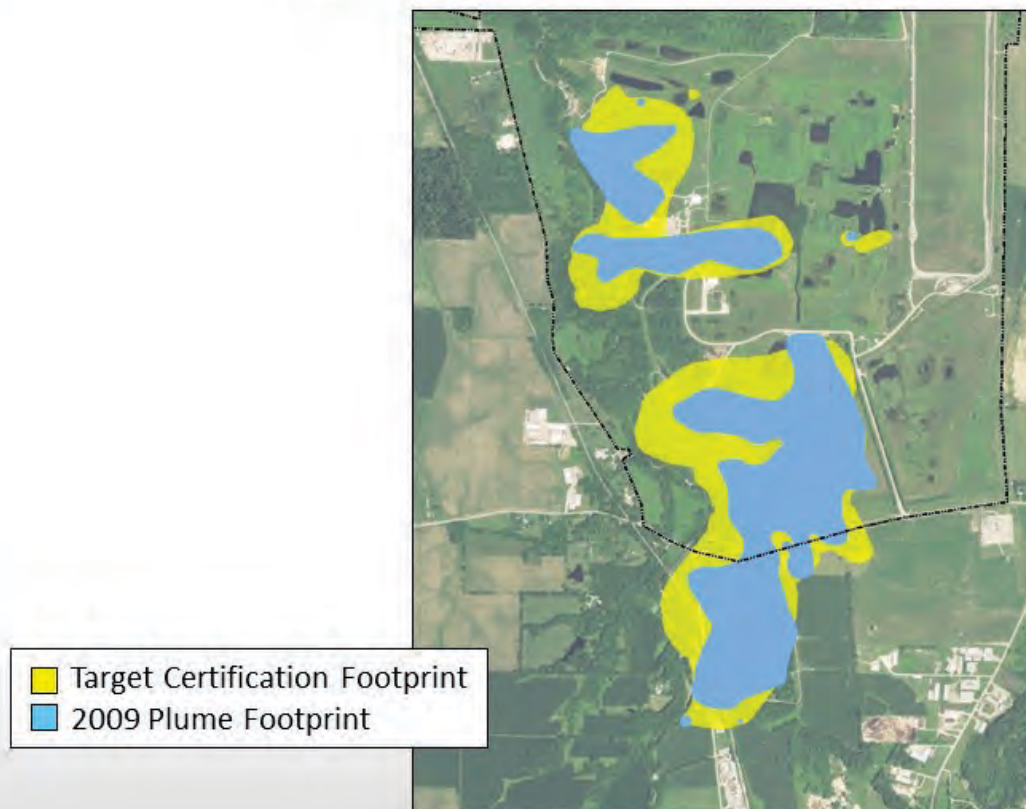


In 2006 the area of the aquifer left to remediate was 189 acres (shown in blue). Target certification footprint is shown in yellow.



# Aquifer Restoration

Maximum Plume Acreage: 2009



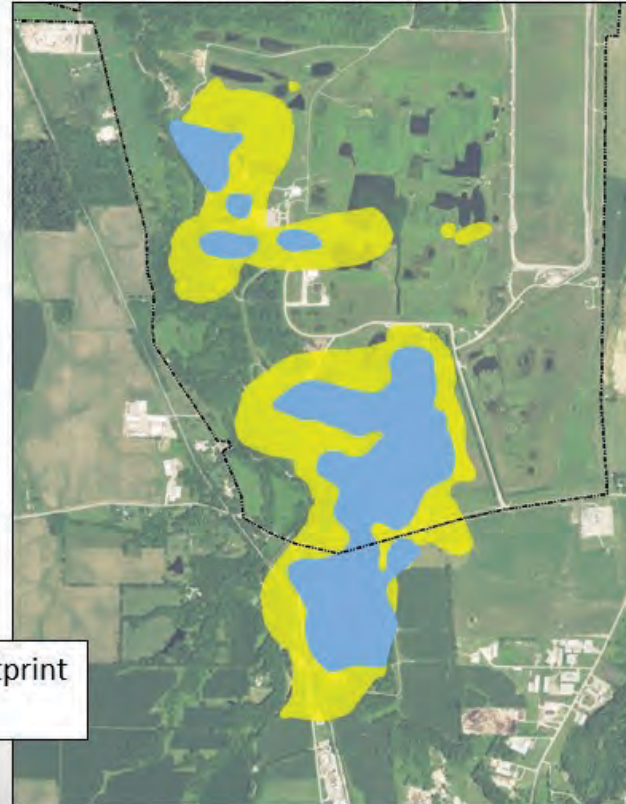
In 2009, the area of the aquifer left to remediate was 186 acres (shown in blue). Target certification footprint is shown in yellow.



# Aquifer Restoration

Maximum Plume Acreage: 2012

■ Target Certification Footprint  
■ 2012 Plume Footprint



In 2012, the area of the aquifer left to remediate was 130.3 acres (shown in blue). Target certification footprint is shown in yellow.

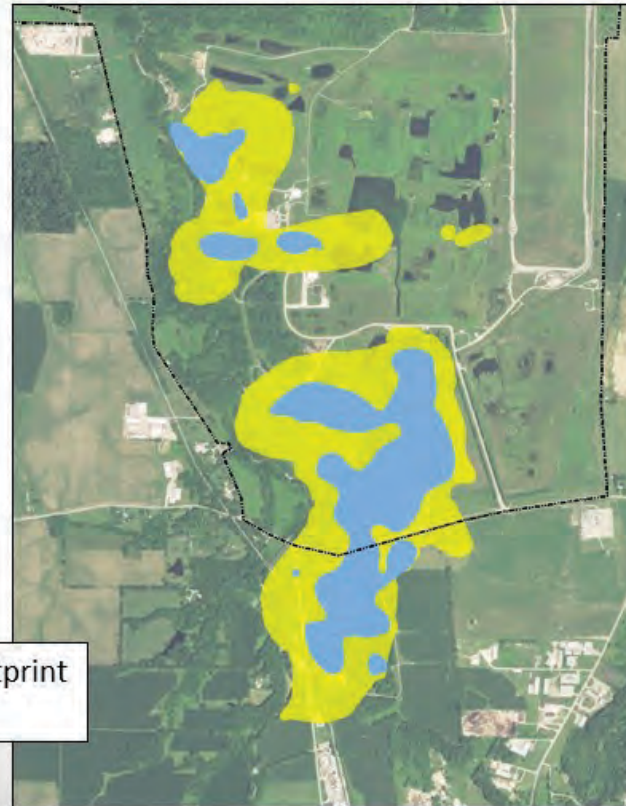




# Aquifer Restoration

Maximum Plume Acreage: 2015

- Target Certification Footprint
- 2015 Plume Footprint



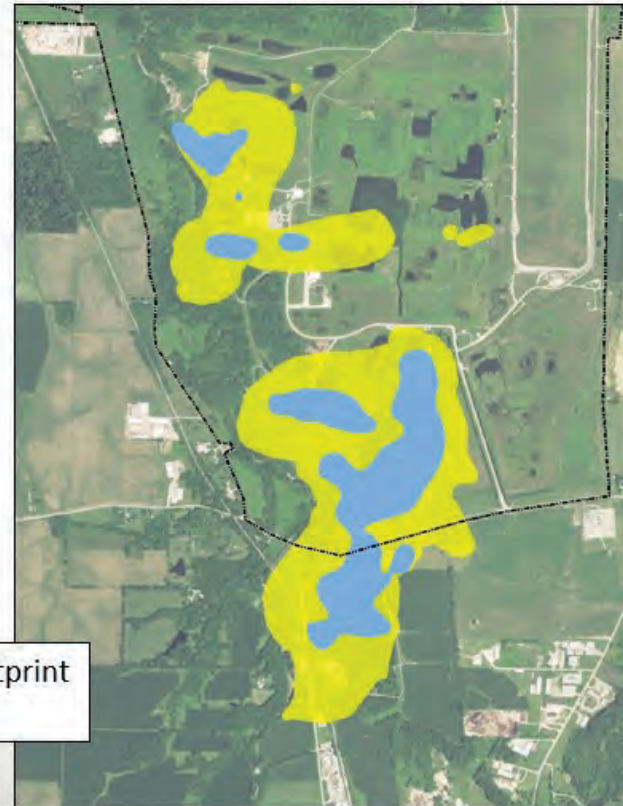
In 2015, the area of the aquifer left to remediate was 109.5 acres (shown in blue). Target certification footprint is shown in yellow.



# Aquifer Restoration

Maximum Plume Acreage: 2018

- Target Certification Footprint
- 2018 Plume Footprint



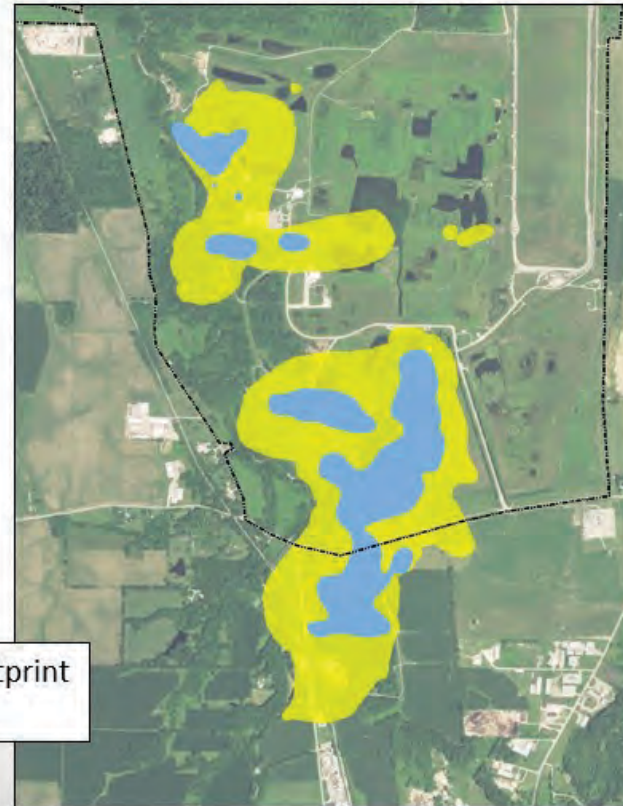
In 2018, the area of the aquifer left to remediate was 89.3 acres (shown in blue). Target certification footprint is shown in yellow.



# Aquifer Restoration

## Maximum Plume Acreage: 2019

- Target Certification Footprint
- 2019 Plume Footprint



In 2019, the area of the aquifer left to remediate was 86.5 acres (shown in blue). Target certification footprint is shown in yellow. The area of the aquifer left to remediate decreased from 189 acres in 2006 to 86.5 acres in 2019 — a decrease of 54.2%.



# Aquifer Restoration

## Remaining Uranium Estimation

- Uranium dissolved in water (aqueous phase)
- Uranium sorbed to sediment (solid phase)
- 2019 SER (Section A.2)
  - Calculation for present uranium in each phase
- Calculation based on formula in *Groundwater Chemistry* by William J. Deutch
  - Uranium = aqueous + (multiplier X aqueous)
- Fernald Preserve
  - Uranium = aqueous + (19.83 X aqueous)

Calculations are presented that provide an estimate of how many pounds of uranium may be left in the aquifer after concentration-based cleanup goals are achieved.



# Aquifer Restoration

## Remaining Uranium Estimation

- 2019 aqueous estimation: **166 pounds (lbs)**
  - SER, Figure A.2-24
- Total Uranium = **aqueous** + (**19.83 X aqueous**)
- Total Uranium = **166 lbs** + (**19.83 X 166 lbs**)
- Total Uranium = **166 lbs** + 3,291.78 lbs
- Total estimated mass uranium = 3,457.78 lbs

At the end of 2019, an estimate of total mass of uranium remaining in the aquifer is 3,458 pounds.



# Aquifer Restoration

## Remaining Uranium Estimation After Concentration Cleanup Goals Are Achieved

- **Total estimated mass remaining: 3,457.8 lbs**
- **Two predictors of how much mass needs to be removed to achieve concentration-based cleanup goal of 30 micrograms per liter ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ )**
  - Model prediction: 1,521 lbs
  - Data regression: 2,353 lbs
- **Two predictors of how much mass will remain in the aquifer once concentration based cleanup goal of 30 ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ) is achieved**
  - Model prediction
    - $3,457.78 \text{ lbs} - 1,521 \text{ lbs} = 1,936.8 \text{ lbs}$
  - Data regression
    - $3,457.78 \text{ lbs} - 2,353 \text{ lbs} = 1,104.8 \text{ lbs}$

An estimate of how many pounds of uranium may be left in aquifer after concentration-based cleanup goals are achieved is presented.



# Aquifer Restoration

## Remediation Status

- **Past 26 years**
  - 50.7 billion gallons of water pumped
  - 14,645 lbs. of uranium removed
- **Model predictions for achieving concentration-based cleanup goals:**
  - 14 more years to go in some wells
    - 24.3 billion gallons of water to pump
    - 1,521 lbs. of uranium to remove
- **Remaining 14 years will be less efficient than the past 26 years, which is typical**
- **DOE is in process of assessing the performance of groundwater remediation and looking for efficiency improvements**

Uranium-concentration data trends and modeling predictions indicate that the pumping operation is becoming less efficient over time. This is typical of groundwater pump-and-treat systems, and DOE continues to look for ways to improve system performance.

# Aquifer Restoration



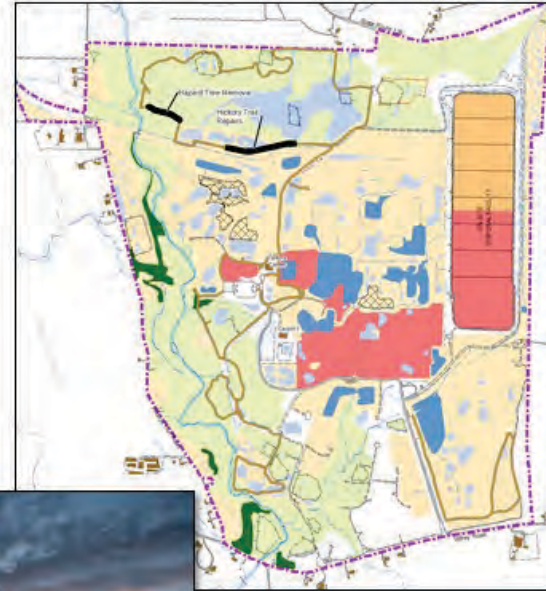
The struggle with iron plugging of wells, pumps, and motors continues. Five wells were rehabilitated in 2019 to address iron plugging. Iron plugging decreases the pumping efficiency of the well.





# Ecological Restoration

- Restoration projects
- Restored area maintenance
- Ecological monitoring
- Site inspections
- OSDF inspections



Ecological restoration work includes maintenance, monitoring, and inspections.



# Ecological Restoration

## Restored Area Maintenance

- Vegetation management
- Inspection follow-up



Restored area maintenance includes vegetation management and follow-up from site inspections.



# Ecological Restoration

## Monitoring

- Wetland mitigation
- Functional
- Implementation
- OSDF vegetation cover



Monitoring programs help site personnel evaluate the status of ecologically restored areas at the site, including the health and diversity of amphibian populations.



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# Ecological Restoration

## Inspections

- Site
- OSDF
- Trails

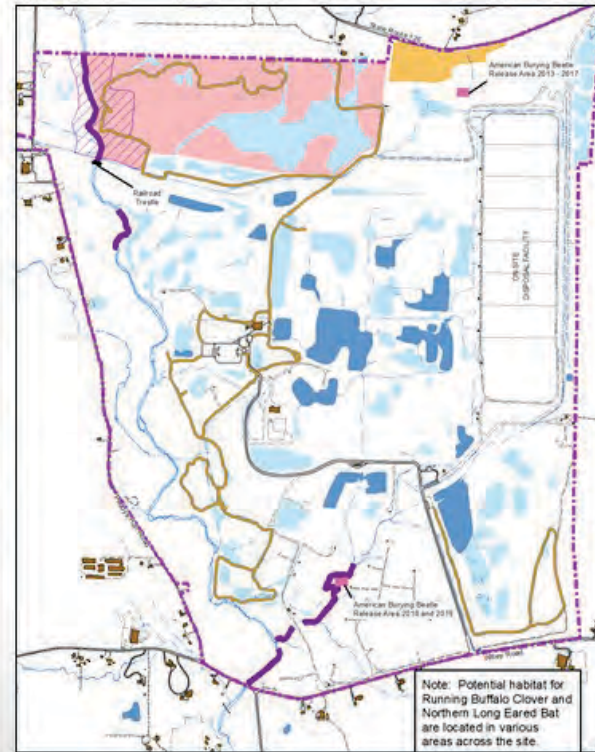


The inspection process continues in compliance with the Fernald Preserve *Comprehensive Legacy Management and Institutional Controls Plan*.



# Ecological Restoration

## Endangered Species and Cultural Resources Surveys



Endangered species and cultural resource surveys are conducted prior to field activities.



# Interpretive Services

## Public Amenities and Services

- Trails, wildlife watching, exhibits, meeting spaces, program services, staff support
- New official Sunday hours began **September 22, 2019**  
– Noon to 5:00 p.m.



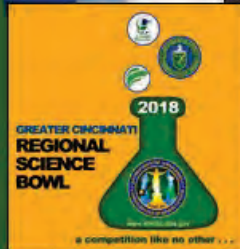
Since the site opened to the public in 2008, schools, conservation organizations, former workers, bird watchers, hikers, and many others continue to use the public amenities at the site, including the visitors center, the walking trails, wildlife observation opportunities, interpretive programs, and reservable meeting spaces.



# Interpretive Services

## Community Event Support

- Includes both on-site and off-site programming
  - National Day of Remembrance for Cold War Workers 2019
  - Three Valley Conservation Trust annual banquet and meeting
  - 2019 Regional Science Bowl Competition



Several community events were held at the site in 2019 and staff members supported additional community events at off-site locations.



# Interpretive Services

## Public Programs



**December 2019**

**Monthly-at-a-Glance**

All programs begin in the Visitors Center. *This program is a winter opportunity.*

**Photowalking**  
Saturday, December 7 • 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
A social activity for people interested in photography. To get together, walk around, shoot photos, and have fun. This walk will offer opportunities to take nature photos in a prairie. You may see deer, beaver, short-eared owls, sandhill cranes, northern hammers, various waterfowl, and other interesting subjects. Bring a camera and join the fun! We will be walking in areas not normally open to the public. The terrain is mostly a flat, uneven, grassy or gravel path and the habitat is open fields and wetlands, so please wear sturdy shoes.

**Fernald History**  
Wednesday through Saturday, December 11–14 • 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
This program highlights the diverse, changing history of the 1,050-acre Fernald site. Travel through early European settlement, the Civil War, unexamined living years, site cleanup, and today's extensive environmental restoration. An optional 1-mile hike will follow.

**"Night Hike"**  
Saturday, December 14 • 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Join us for a new moon hike. The moon will be located on the same side of the Earth as the sun and will not be visible in the night sky. This means the stars will be at their brightest and will offer a great chance to learn a few winter constellations! We might even get to hear and see such animals as white-tailed deer, flying squirrels, coyotes, and beavers, amongst others.

**9th Annual End-of-Year Hike!**  
Tuesday, December 31 • 8:00 a.m. to Noon  
Every year you make New Year's resolutions that are all too often forgotten. It happens to the best of us! Getting in better shape is one year! It's this year, it's never too early to get started. Meet us at the Visitors Center to embark on a leisurely stroll and get a jump start on your resolution.

Email [fernalddoc.gov](mailto:fernalddoc.gov) or call (513) 648-3330 for more information on Fernald Preserve activities.  
[www.fernalddoc.gov/fernalld](http://www.fernalddoc.gov/fernalld)

**Fernald Preserve Visitors Center**  
7400 Willey Road, Hamilton, Ohio 45013



Public nature programs capture community interest. A variety of public programs and other activities were offered throughout the year.





# Interpretive Services

## Wildlife Update

- Birders and photographers remain frequent guests

Secret Lives of Wild Creatures at LM's Fernald Preserve, Ohio, Site Video Key

Video Time	Wild Creature	Video Image	Video Time	Wild Creature	Video Image
0:11	American Redstart Turdus americanus		7:19	Wood Duck Aythya americana	
0:28	Great Blue Heron Ardea herodias		7:36	Scarlet Tanager Tangara scarlet	
0:38	Blue Jay Cyanura cristata		7:38	Robin Erithacus rubecula	
0:41	Eastern Bluebird Sialia sialis		7:42	Robin Erithacus rubecula	
0:44	Wood Duck Aythya americana		7:45	Robin Erithacus rubecula	
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1:45	Louisiana Water Thrush Seiurus americanus		8:05	Robin Erithacus rubecula	

**Annual Community Meeting**  
October 13, 2020

Community members are encouraged to attend the virtual Fernald Preserve Annual Community Meeting.

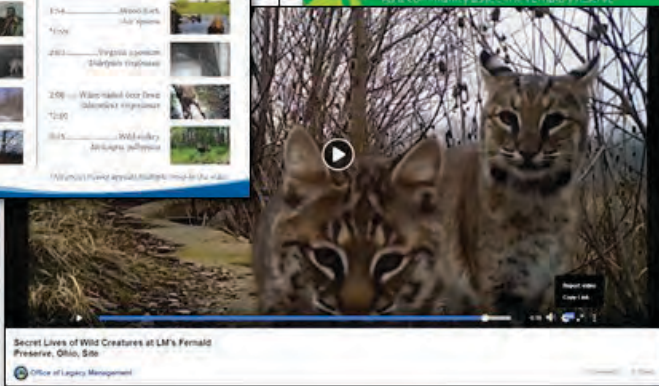
Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2020  
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Click here for remote connection details:  
<https://www.energy.gov/lanrl/lanrl/2020-fernauld-preserve-community-meeting>

This year's meeting will focus on the Fernald Preserve 2019 Site Environmental Report issued by the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Legacy Management (<https://www.lm.doe.gov/Fernald/Reports/ASER.aspx#2019>). Meeting topics will include:

- Environmental and ecological monitoring.
- Groundwater remedy status.
- On-Site Disposal Facility monitoring.
- Other site activities.
- Initiation of...

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or call...



Ecologically restored habitats, including the expansive prairie grasslands at the site, are recognized as regionally important birding areas that attract birds, bird watchers, and photographers.




# Interpretive Services

## Current Status Update

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**  
Legacy Management

Fernald Preserve Visitors Center Remains Closed to the Public  
U.S. Department of Energy Office of Legacy Management and this Bulletin at 09/02/2020 04:59 PM EDT



A notice update from the Fernald Preserve Visitors Center:

The Fernald Preserve Visitors Center remains closed to the public. Please take a moment to read this message from the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Legacy Management Headquarters:

"During this unprecedented COVID-19 crisis, the health and safety of our employees and communities is our highest concern. To assure social distancing and comply with direction that non-essential activities be limited, the visitor areas of our centers will remain closed until further notice. We will continue to update our communications, if anything changes in the status for our visitors center, and we look forward to the time when we can safely welcome our visitors back inside.

In the meantime, we welcome you to enjoy the available outdoor spaces, trails and on-line activities. Stay safe!"

At Fernald Preserve we encourage you to enjoy the 7-mile network of trails meandering through the wetland, prairie, and forest landscapes. Several overlooks, and a boardwalk are open for exploring the expansive ecologically restored natural areas and for wildlife viewing. The portable toilet in the visitors center parking lot is available for public use and continues to be cleaned daily.

We ask that guests follow social distancing guidelines, provided by the Ohio Department of Health and Hamilton County Public Health.

For information on the Fernald Preserve Visitors Center, visit us at: [www.energy.gov/fernaldpreservevisitorscenter](http://www.energy.gov/fernaldpreservevisitorscenter)

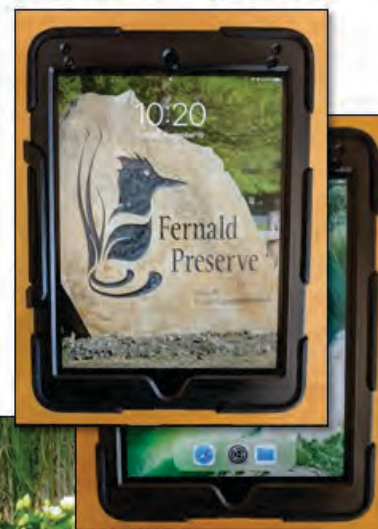
Thank you!  
Fernald Preserve

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Public programs featuring wildlife and history topics will be re-instituted after public engagement services re-start, date undetermined at this time due to COVID 19 closure. Information can be found here: <https://www.energy.gov/lm/fernaldpreserve-visitors-center>



# U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

## National Federal Facility Excellence in Site Reuse Award in the National Priorities List (NPL) Category

Feed Materials Production Center 1987



Fernald Preserve 2010

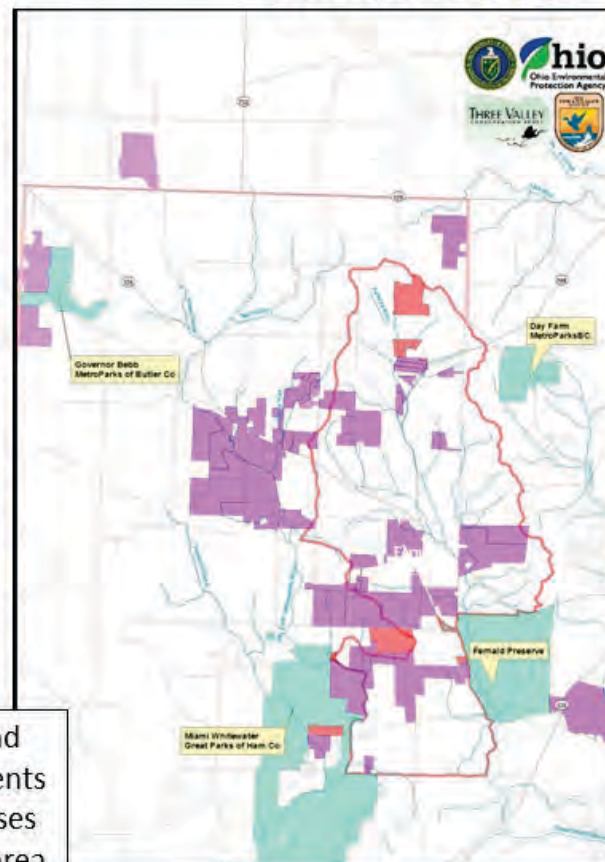
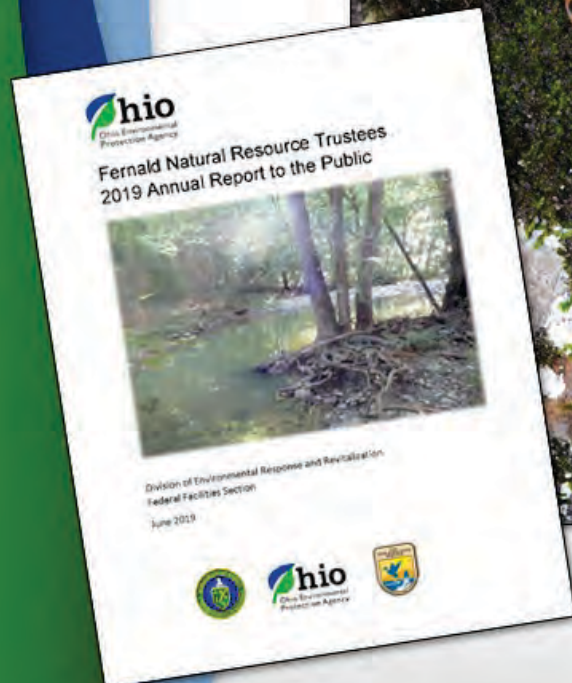


The Fernald Preserve was honored to receive the 2019 National Federal Facility Excellence in Site Reuse Award in the National Priorities List (NPL) sites category from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.



# Natural Resource Trusteeship

Summer 2020



The Natural Resource Trustees — comprised of Ohio EPA, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and DOE — have partnered with the Three Valley Conservation Trust to purchase conservation and agriculture easements in the Paddys Run watershed and above the associated Great Miami Buried Valley Aquifer.



# Natural Resource Trusteeship

## Draft Natural Resource Management Plan

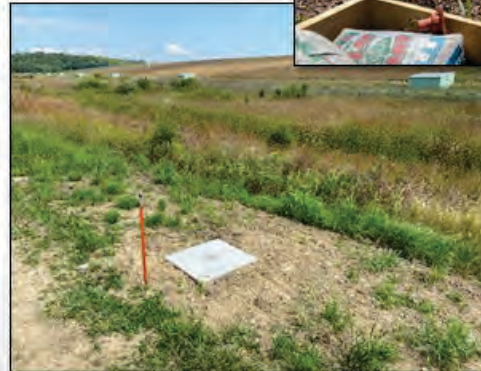


The Fernald Natural Resource Management Plan (NRMP) has been drafted as an update to the site Restored Area Maintenance Plan. The NRMP describes how ecological monitoring and maintenance will be conducted at the Fernald site.

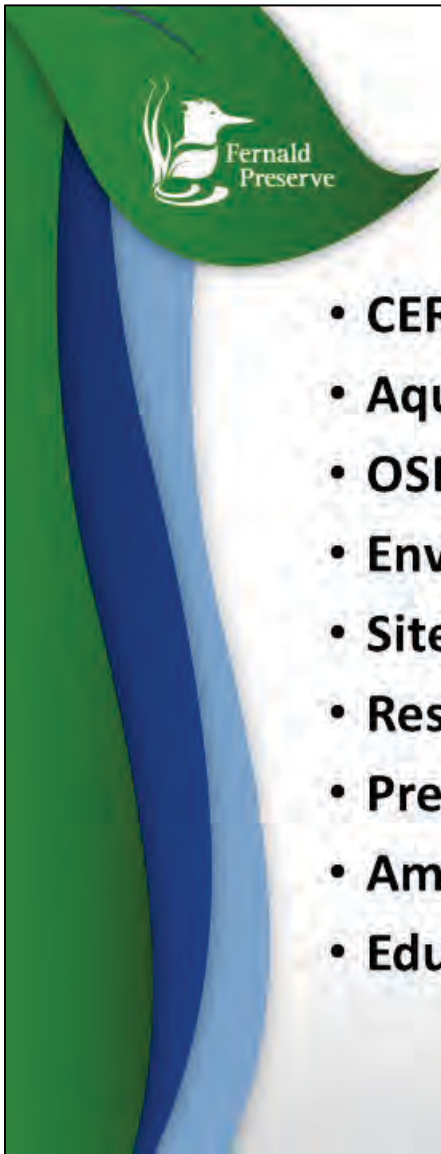


# Site Projects

- Backwash Basin Refurbishment
- OSDF Quality Control Survey Monuments Installation



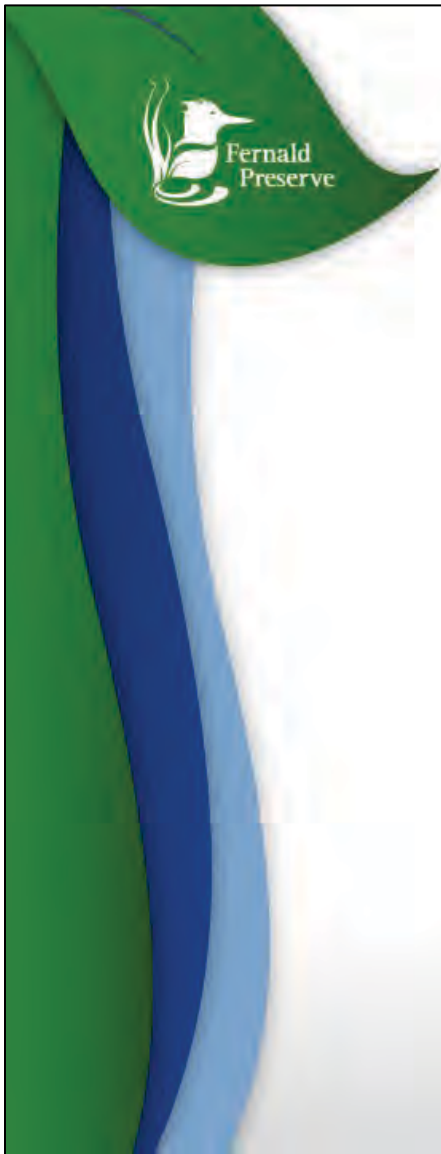
Refurbishment of the Converted Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant Backwash Basin was completed in December 2019.



## Look Ahead

- **CERCLA Five-Year Review**
- **Aquifer restoration**
- **OSDF LIDAR flyover**
- **Environmental monitoring**
- **Site and OSDF monitoring and maintenance**
- **Restored area monitoring and maintenance**
- **Prescribed burns**
- **American burying beetle recovery program**
- **Educational programs**

Numerous work activities are planned for 2020.



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The next annual Fernald Preserve community meeting will take place in fall 2021.