

# Feed Materials Production Center

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In May 1951, the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, predecessor to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), broke ground on a new uranium processing facility in a rural area northwest of Cincinnati, Ohio, to support the nation's defense program. Throughout the nearly four decades of the Cold War, this Feed Materials Production Center delivered high-grade uranium metal products for the nuclear weapons complex. These operations ceased in 1989, and the site's mission changed to environmental remediation.

The \$4.4-billion cleanup of the Fernald site was one of the largest completed in United States history. The environmental cleanup involved sampling, analysis, facility demolition, waste disposal, and a close collaboration with the community and regulators to return the 1,050-acre site to a natural state. It is the responsibility of the DOE Office of Legacy Management (LM) to protect, support, and safely manage the site.

The Fernald Preserve is an example of how an industrial site can be restored with native trees, prairie grasses, and newly developed and enhanced wetlands that support and encourage wildlife habitat. This safe community asset focuses on the education of current and future generations, a task accomplished through a vision that DOE, regulators, and the community share.

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## Hours of Operation

The Fernald Preserve is open daily from 7:00 a.m. to dusk.

The Visitors Center is open Wednesday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## Meeting Spaces

The Community Meeting Room in the Visitors Center can seat up to 120 people; the Resource Room can accommodate up to 8 people; and the Program Shelter can accommodate up to 58 people. All meeting spaces are available at no charge to nonprofit organizations.

## Programs

Nature and history programs designed to meet the needs of your group can be scheduled with the Fernald Preserve staff.

Applications for programs and meeting spaces can be found at [www.lm.doe.gov/Fernald/Visitors\\_Center/Visitors\\_Center.pdf](http://www.lm.doe.gov/Fernald/Visitors_Center/Visitors_Center.pdf).

## Contacts

Site-specific documents and information about the Fernald Preserve are available on the LM website at [www.energy.gov/lm/fernalld-preserve-ohio-site](http://www.energy.gov/lm/fernalld-preserve-ohio-site).

For more information about activities at the Fernald Preserve, contact:

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