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**PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL GROUNDWATER
ASSESSMENT WORK IN THE WASTE PIT AREA**

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Ms. Catherine A. McCord
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Region V - 5HR-12
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Dear Ms. McCord:

PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL GROUNDWATER ASSESSMENT WORK IN THE WASTE PIT AREA

- Reference: 1) Letter, DOE-428-91, C. A. McCord to A. P. Avel, "Same Subject," dated December 13, 1990
- 2) Letter, C. A. McCord to A. P. Avel, "OU 5 Sampling U. S. DOE -Fernald," dated January 17, 1991
- 3) Letter, DOE-741-91, G. W. Westerbeck to R. Bendula, "Meeting to discuss FMPC RCRA Groundwater Issues," dated February 19, 1991

On October 1, 1990 the Department of Energy (DOE) submitted an interim status groundwater assessment proposal to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) for the additional groundwater monitoring wells to be installed in the waste pit area. A copy of the document was submitted to U. S. EPA for information.

On November 13, 1990, U. S. EPA responded to our letter with comments and specifically stated that an addendum to the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) was required.

In a letter to U. S. EPA on December 13, 1990 (Reference 1), DOE clearly stated that a work plan addendum would be submitted for U. S. EPA review and approval after OEPA comments were received. This was done with the intention of submitting a document that would satisfy both U. S. EPA and OEPA requirements. In the same letter we recommended scheduling a meeting with your organization and OEPA representatives to discuss this issue.

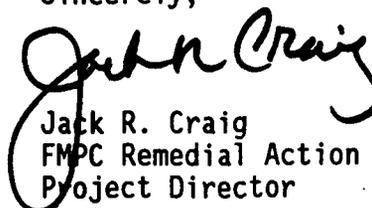
As stated in Reference 2, U. S. EPA misinterpreted the DOE letter (Reference 1), and stated that DOE would not be submitting a revised plan that corrected the deficiencies. DOE understands that coordination between the CERCLA and the RCRA Programs is needed, therefore a meeting is being proposed (Reference 3),

to discuss issues concerning both agencies. We are awaiting OEPA responses and will contact you in the near future concerning schedule, location, date and time.

The RI/FS addendum for the installation of these wells will be submitted to U. S. EPA after OEPA responds to our request and provides comments.

If you have any questions, please contact me at FTS 774-6159.

Sincerely,


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