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Re: CONCERNS ABOUT  
PIT 5 BERMS

Mr. Jack Craig  
U.S. DOE FMPC  
P.O. Box 398705  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45239

Dear Mr. Craig:

On February 27, 1991, Tom Schneider and I toured FMPC with Andy Avel. As part of this tour we inspected the area around Pit 5. This pit has been the subject of berm stability concerns because the fence on the north side of Pit 5 appears to be leaning. We understand that an engineering evaluation is underway to evaluate this concern. When will this evaluation be complete?

Another concern noted about Pit 5 was the observation that groundhogs and/or muskrats were burrowing into the berm around all sides of the pit possibly affecting the berm and liner integrity. This concern was related verbally to Oba Vincent in a phone discussion on April 4, 1991. It would appear that some program to keep these mammals from living in the berms and to repair existing damage is necessary.

Please notify Ohio EPA by May 15, 1991 as to when the engineering evaluation on the Pit 5 berm will be completed and what steps DOE plans to take regarding the groundhog/muskrat damage to the berm. If you have any questions please contact me.

Sincerely,

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DOE Coordinator

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