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Reference: Letter, J. R. Craig to J. A. Saric and G. E. Mitchell, "Transmittal
X-mailed #2346 of RI/FS Work Plan Addendum Operable Unit 5 for Additional
Monitoring Wells, October 1991," dated October 23, 1991

On October 23, 1991, DOE issued a proposed Document Change Request to the RI/FS Work Plan to U.S. EPA and OEPA requesting their concurrence on plans to install additional monitoring wells to support Operable Unit 5. On October 24, 1991, ASI/IT informed WEMCO of the pending availability of two cabletool drilling rigs and crews. Based upon the currently approved work scope, the crew and rigs would be available as of October 29, 1991.

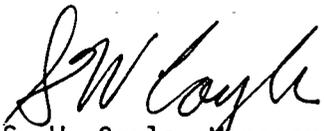
WEMCO, ASI/IT and a representative of the DOE-FO completed an evaluation of the proposed additional field work scope in the referenced letter to U.S. EPA. On the basis of this review, WEMCO requests DOE concurrence with a proposal to initiate the installation of the sixteen wells from the referenced letter in advance of U.S. EPA or OEPA formal approval of the DCR. WEMCO proposes to proceed with the installation, development and sampling of the wells on the attachment in the order of the priority scheme listed. WEMCO considers the installation of these wells to represent a prudent course of action so as to provide for uninterrupted RI/FS field activity in support of attaining Consent Agreement schedules for Operable Unit 5.

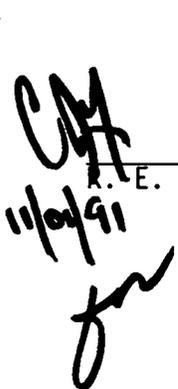
As described in the DCR, these wells are either being installed as a replacement for existing inferior wells (2421B and 3421B), or to refine our current understanding of the extent of known areas of groundwater contamination. In the past, U.S. EPA and OEPA have provided only relatively minor comments on DCRs involving similar worksopes. U.S. EPA and OEPA were verbally notified of the intent of DOE to proceed with the installations of these wells on October 29, 1991.

With your concurrence, WEMCO will direct ASI to proceed with installation of the listed wells. If you require additional information, please contact P. J. Yerace at extension 6178.

Very truly yours,

Concurrence:


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Priority Scheme
Proposed Wells for Installation
(DCR 71)

Production Area

1.	2421B
2.	3421B
3.	2419
4.	2420
5.	2679
6.	3679
7.	2678
8.	3678
9.	2423
10.	3423
11.	2417

South Field Area

1.	2398
2.	2399
3.	2400
4.	2401
5.	2402