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URANYL NITRATE REMOVAL ACTION

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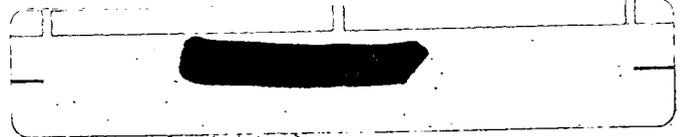
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April 3, 1992

RE: URANYL NITRATE
REMOVAL ACTION

Mr. Robert Tiller
Site Manager
U.S. DOE FEMP
P. O. Box 398705
Cincinnati, Ohio 45239

Dear Mr. Tiller:

The purpose of this letter is to request a status report on the uranyl nitrate removal action at FEMP. On September 18, 1991, Ohio EPA was informed about leaks that had been discovered in the uranyl nitrate tanks. On September 30, a procedure for removing the liquids from these tanks and precipitating the uranium was sent to Ohio EPA. This action would eliminate the possibility of additional and more serious leaks in the future and was to be handled as an emergency removal action under CERCLA. Ohio EPA RCRA staff concurred that this was the best way to handle this material even though this material appears to be a mixed hazardous waste. We were originally told that this removal action would take place in November, 1991.

Our concern is that it is now April and no action has occurred to address this "emergency". Ohio EPA understands that DOE needs to insure that all systems are operating in a safe manner. However, we are concerned that additional environmental releases may occur if the removal action does not take place in the near future.

Please inform us of the status of this removal action and include a schedule for implementation by April 24, 1992.

If you have any questions please contact Graham Mitchell or me.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Southwest District office

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