

**WATER COVER ON WASTE PIT 5**

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Re: WATER COVER ON WASTE PIT 5

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

Dear Mr. Tiller:

Ohio EPA has received your letter of May 15, 1992, detailing activities associated with Waste Pit 5. We have reviewed the events leading to the recovering of Pit 5 with non-radiological wastewater and agree with the technical decisions which DOE made to reduce fugitive air emissions. I discussed this with Mr. Jack Van Kley of the Ohio Attorney General's Office and he also concurs with your technical decision. In the future, for issues relating to compliance with the 1988 Consent Decree, we request that you obtain written approval as required prior to taking action. If an emergency situation should occur, verbal approval followed by a written record of events would also be acceptable.

Ohio EPA also agrees that the use of non-radiological wastewater from Outfall No. 602 is acceptable to maintain an adequate water cover on Pit 5. Please keep records of the flow diverted from Outfall No. 602. This information may be useful when considering various NPDES permit modifications in the future.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Sincerely,

Graham E. Mitchell  
Project Manager

GEM/acn

cc: Martyn Burt, OEPA, DWPC  
Tom Schneider, OEPA, DERR  
Jim Saric, U.S. EPA  
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