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**SITEWIDE CHARACTERIZATION REPORT  
(OHIO EPA COMMENTS)**

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Dear Mr. Craig:

The purpose of this letter is to comment on the responses to comments on the Sitewide Characterization Report. Responses were acceptable with the exception of the issues listed below.

General Comment

1. A number of Ohio EPA comments addressed the adequacy of DOE's background sampling for all media. Most of DOE's responses to these comments proposed postponing such information until the OU5 RI. Postponement until the OU5 RI unacceptable. It is expected that DOE will address Ohio EPA's concerns at the January 27, 1993 meeting. DOE should state within the SWCR that "background" concentrations reported in the document are currently being re-evaluated and will be addressed in all OU RI reports.

Specific Comments

1. Response #379, OEPA Comment #6: It is obvious the responder did not review the Pit 6 Removal Action Work Plan or Report. The goal of the removal action was to diminish fugitive emissions. High volume air samplers were used prior to, during and after the removal action. The Final Report documents data received from the laboratory on 5/17/91. DOE should include this information in the SWCR.
2. Response #387: The original OEPA comment refers to lines 13-16 on page 2-11. The document states that a floating cover will be installed on Pit 5. A floating cap has not been proposed for Pit 5 and is not foreseen in the future.
3. Response #470: A potential receptor could use the perched groundwater for a water supply. Data from the perched zone under Plant 2/3 shows sufficient water present to provide a water supply. Additional zones capable of providing a water supply may also be present at the site. DOE will need to address this exposure pathway.

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If you have any questions about these comments please contact Tom Schneider or me.

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