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**OHIO EPA'S CONCERN OVER THE FAILURE TO  
RESTART REMOVAL ACTION #1 (PUMPING OF  
CONTAMINATED WASTE FROM THE  
PRODUCTION AREA)**

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Mr. Jack R. Craig  
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Dear Mr. Craig:

I am writing to express concern over the failure of DOE to restart removal action #1 (pumping of uranium and VOC contaminated waste from the production area). This removal action was stopped as a result of a 30 gallon UNH spill on April 28, 1993. Because the Plant 8 VOC system was associated with this spill it has remained shut down until an investigation was completed.

Ohio EPA is fully aware of the need to investigate spills, avoid all environmental releases and provide a safe working environment. However, we are also concerned that removal action #1 is no longer pumping water contaminated with uranium and VOCs from the perched zone under the production area. Further the site is unable to utilize the VOC treatment system to handle other contaminated water and RI/FS related pump tests are being delayed because this system is not available. From discussions with DOE staff it appears that this system is ready to operate and in no way contributed to the release. Because these are CERCLA response actions, DOE should be able to meet any substantial requirements and resume operation of the system.

Ohio EPA requests that DOE quickly examine this situation and determine a way that the Plant 8 VOC treatment system can be safely operated so that removal and RI/FS activities can continue without further delays. Please respond as to what actions DOE will take by September 10, 1993.

Sincerely,

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