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**INITIAL SCREENING OF ALTERNATIVES
REPORT FOR OPERABLE UNIT 3**

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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Mitchell:

INITIAL SCREENING OF ALTERNATIVES REPORT FOR OPERABLE UNIT 3

Reference: Letter, from J. A. Saric to J. R. Craig, "Revised OU #3 RI/FS Work Plan Responses to Comments", dated August 4, 1993

The purpose of this letter is to request your concurrence on the consolidation of the Operable Unit (OU) 3 Initial Screening of Alternatives (ISA) Report into the Feasibility Study (FS) Report and, therefore, the elimination of the ISA milestone from the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) schedule for OU 3 in the Amended Consent Agreement. Based on the terms of the Amended Consent Agreement, Section XB, and the approval of the OU 3 RI/FS Work Plan Addendum (Reference), the following schedule represents the primary and secondary document milestone dates for completing the RI/FS for OU 3:

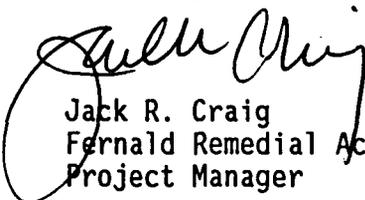
- Submit draft Treatability Study Work Plan to United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA): January 15, 1994
- Submit draft Remedial Investigation Report/Baseline Risk Assessment to U.S. EPA: March 13, 1996
- Submit draft Feasibility Study Report/Proposed Plan to U.S. EPA: August 7, 1996
- Submit draft Record of Decision for OU 3 to U.S. EPA: April 2, 1997

The approval of the OU 3 RI/FS Work Plan Addendum and the proposal to implement the interim remedial action to decontaminate and dismantle the facilities and components of OU 3 has resulted in the RI/FS process focusing on the decision of waste disposition. Therefore, the elimination of the ISA

Report is due to a reduced scope of alternatives requiring evaluation, as a result of the interim remedial action. As per our recent discussions, the consolidation of the ISA material into the FS process represents a significant first step toward streamlining the RI/FS for OU 3. This consolidation will contribute significantly to the Department of Energy's efforts for potentially shortening the schedule for submitting the OU 3 draft Record of Decision to the U.S. EPA and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA). Please provide your response to this letter at your earliest convenience, in order to finalize the completion milestones for the OU 3 RI/FS.

If you or your staff have any questions, please call Robert Janke at (513) 648-3124.

Sincerely,



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