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**APPROVAL OF CHARACTERIZATION OF  
BACKGROUND STREAM AND GROUNDWATER  
RISK ASSESSMENT RESPONSE TO COMMENTS**

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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RE: Approval of Characterization  
of Background Stream and  
Groundwater Risk Assessment  
Response to Comments

Dear Mr. Craig:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has completed its review of the Response to Risk Assessment Comments on the Characterization of Background Water Quality for Streams and Groundwater. The United States Department of Energy (U.S. DOE) has adequately addressed the U.S. EPA's comments.

Therefore, U.S. EPA approves the responses to comments. U.S. DOE must incorporate the changes into the final Background Report once data from additional sampling becomes available.

Please contact me at (312) 886-0992 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Remedial Project Manager

- cc: Graham Mitchell, OEPA-SWDO
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