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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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HRE-8J

RE: Integration of ISA and FS
and Schedule Extension

Dear Mr. Craig:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has completed its review of the November 8, 1993, and December 17, 1993, letters concerning the United States Department of Energy's (U.S. DOE) request to consolidate the Operable Unit (OU) 3 Initial Screening of Alternatives (ISA) Report into the Feasibility Study (FS) Report. The December 17, 1993, letter specifically requested a schedule extension for submittal of the OU 3 ISA Report from March 28, 1995, until August 7, 1996, the submittal date of the OU 3 FS Report.

Pursuant to Section XVIII of the 1991 Amended Consent Agreement U.S. EPA must determine whether good cause exists for a schedule extension based upon, among other things, information submitted by U.S. DOE.

On December 3, 1993, U.S. EPA approved the OU 3 Interim Record of Decision, which proposed to implement the interim remedial action to decontaminate and dismantle the facilities and components of OU 3. This has focused further investigations on waste disposition, and reduced the scope of alternatives requiring evaluation.

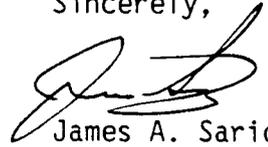
Also, according to the information submitted to U.S. EPA in the above referenced letters, and in discussions between U.S. EPA and U.S. DOE it appears the ISA Report will be adequately presented in Section 2.0 of the OU 3 FS Report. This would also eliminate an extra review and approval cycle for this document, which would be more appropriate at the time of the FS, thereby saving both agencies resources and funding.

Therefore, considering the circumstances in this matter, U.S. EPA considers this to be good cause to grant a schedule extension for submittal of the OU 3 ISA Report until August 7, 1996, when it will be incorporated into the FS Report.



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

Sincerely,



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