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**NOTIFICATION THAT DOE IS CONSIDERING AN
INTERIM REMEDIAL ACTION FOR OPERABLE
UNIT 3**

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Dear Mr. Weaver:

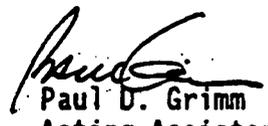
The Department of Energy (DOE) is considering an Interim Remedial Action for Operable Unit 3 (OU3) at the Fernald Environmental Management Project (FEMP), which is located in both Hamilton and Butler Counties, Ohio. The Proposed Interim Remedial Action involves the decontamination and dismantling (D&D) of above-grade and below-grade structures and related components at FEMP, the temporary storage of D&D generated waste prior to treatment and recycle or disposition, and the transportation and disposal of specifically identified waste generated during D&D. This action is being taken in compliance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), and the intent is to integrate the requirements of CERCLA and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Department intends to integrate NEPA and CERCLA by using the Proposed Plan required by CERCLA to serve as an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this action.

Section 1021.301 of DOE's NEPA Implementing Procedures (57 Federal Register 15122, 4/24/92) indicates that the States that host Department facilities and affected States/Tribes will be notified of initial determinations regarding the level of documentation required by NEPA for proposed DOE projects in the State. No States/Tribes will be affected by this action other than the State of Ohio.

This notification is intended to facilitate early and open communication between the Department and the State of Ohio regarding proposed projects. Accordingly, I am notifying you that the Department intends to prepare an EA for the OU3 Interim Remedial Action. This EA will include an assessment of the environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of a Central Storage Facility (CSF), which will be used to temporarily store D&D generated waste. In an early notification, DOE indicated a separate EA would be prepared for the CSF. Please note that DOE now intends to incorporate the EA for the CSF in the EA for the OU3 Interim Remedial Action. When the EA is completed, DOE will provide you with a copy for your review and comment.

If you or your office staff wish to receive further information about this project, please contact Robert Janke of the DOE Fernald Field Office at (513) 738-6883.

Sincerely,



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