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**U.S. DOE FEMP OPERABLE UNIT 3 INTERIM-RECORD OF  
DECISION - CONCURRENCE LETTER**

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RE: U.S. DOE FEMP  
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Mr. Valdas V. Adamkus  
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Mr. John E. Baublitz  
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Dear Mr. Adamkus & Mr. Baublitz:

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) has received and reviewed the June, 1994 final Interim-Record of Decision (IROD) for the DOE FEMP Superfund Site in Hamilton County.

The IROD is the first of two RODs to address all Operable Unit (OU) 3 facilities and structures, the second of which will address waste treatment and disposition. The selected interim remedial action will result in the decontamination and dismantling of all OU3 facilities and structures. The selected alternative includes the following components:

- \* Decontamination of more than 200 buildings and structures by removing loose contamination;
- \* Dismantlement of the above-ground structures;
- \* Removal of foundations, storage pads, ponds, basins, underground utilities, and other at and below-grade structures;
- \* Use of existing facilities or construction and operation of new interim storage facilities in or near the former production area;
- \* Off-site disposal at Nevada Test Site of some non-recoverable or non-recyclable waste and debris generated by dismantlement;
- \* Off-site recycling of some recyclable material from dismantlement;
- \* Storage of the remaining waste and debris in interim storage facilities or existing facilities until treatment and disposition are selected in the final remedial action Record of Decision for OU3.

The estimated present worth cost of the selected interim remedy is \$1,476,000,000 in 1994 dollars. The interim remedial action is estimated to take 16 years for completion.

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Mr. Adamkus & Mr. Baublitz

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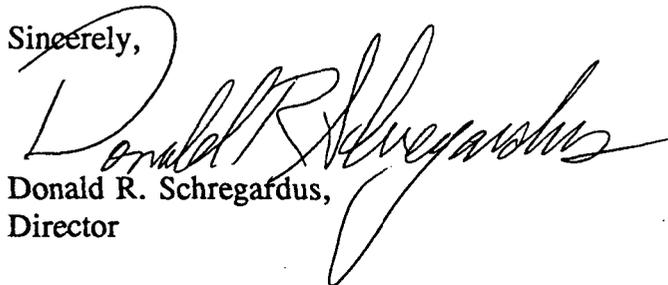
Ohio EPA concurs with the selected interim remedial action. Ohio EPA feels strongly about several issues which DOE should address during implementation of the selected interim-remedial action:

- Real-time monitoring for discharges should be used to the maximum extent possible during remedial actions. Data from this monitoring should be provided to the Ohio EPA and public in a timely manner;
- Pollution prevention activities should be incorporated into the design and implementation of the selected remedial alternative;
- Finally, DOE must maintain the high level of public participation and community involvement currently present at the FEMP throughout the Remedial Design and Remedial Action.

Ohio EPA believes DOE, USEPA, and the local community are also committed to seeing these issues addressed within the Remedial Design and Remedial Action.

Ohio EPA supports DOE's efforts to maximize risk reduction while reducing overall costs. Through the implementation of this IROD, Ohio EPA, USEPA and DOE will effectively reduce risks sooner and save approximately \$300 million over the life of the project.

Sincerely,



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