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THE OPERABLE UNIT 2 PROPOSED PLAN**

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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

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On November 21, 1994, the Department of Energy, Fernald Area Office (DOE-FN) received a formal request from the Ross Township Board of Trustees to extend the Operable Unit 2 (OU2) public comment period by 30 days in order to allow additional time for the public to review the *Proposed Plan for Remedial Actions at OU2*. As the lead agency for the Fernald Environmental Management Project (FEMP) site, the DOE-FN considers the requested extension as legitimate in accordance with the provisions of the National Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Control Contingency Plan (NCP), 40 CFR §300.430(f)(3)(i)(C) as follows:

"...Upon timely request, the lead agency will extend the public comment period by a minimum of 30 additional days...."

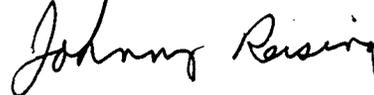
Therefore, pursuant to the Amended Consent Agreement (1991), Sections XVIII.A and XVIII.B.5, the DOE-FN believes that good cause exists to formally request a 30-day extension to the schedule for the completion of the OU2 public comment period from November 25, 1994, to December 30, 1994. Five additional days are being suggested due to the time necessary to publish notice of the extension in a major local newspaper of general circulation.

Likewise, the DOE-FN requests a 30-day extension to the submittal of the *Draft Record of Decision (ROD) for Remedial Actions at OU2* to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) from January 5, 1995, to February 4, 1995. This submittal date would lead to an anticipated signed OU2 ROD by June 30, 1995.

The DOE-FN will continue its efforts to expedite the preparation of the *Draft ROD for Remedial Actions at OU2* both during and after conclusion of the extended public comment period. Every effort will be made to minimize the impact this schedule extension may have upon the overall OU2 remediation schedule.

If you have any comments or questions on this request, please contact Rod Warner at (513) 648-3156.

Sincerely,



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