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RE: DOE FEMP
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Mr. Jack Craig
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Dear Mr. Craig:

This letter provides Ohio EPA's approval of DOE's "Threatened and Endangered Species Survey Reports" submitted to Ohio EPA on February 27, 1995 as amended by Mr. Jack Craig's May 2, 1995 letter (DOE-0873-95). The approval is based upon the findings of Ohio EPA's April 25, 1995 site visit and the changes outlined in Mr. Craig's letter.

Ohio EPA wants to take this opportunity to remind DOE of our interest in protecting the resources of Paddys Run and in particular the Sloan's crayfish populations. We expect that all reasonable measures will be taken to protect Paddys Run and the associated riparian habitat during remediation activities. Additionally, Ohio EPA is very interested in mechanisms for implementing remediation in a manner that will improve habitat at the FEMP.

Ohio EPA appreciates the hospitality shown our staff during the April 25, 1995 site visit. If you should have any questions, please contact Joe Bartoszek at (513) 285-6464 or me.

Sincerely,

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