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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:
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Mr. Jack R. Craig
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RE: Approval of the OU 3 PSR

Dear Mr. Craig:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has completed its review of the Draft Operable Unit (OU) 3 Remedial Design Prioritization and Sequencing Report (PSR). The PSR serves as the schedule for implementation of the Remedial Design/Remedial Action (RD/RA) tasks and submittal of RD/RA reports. The PSR also documents materials management and handling during the remedial action.

The PSR provides an overall approach and rationale for determining the priority and sequence for remediating the OU 3 complexes, and for handling waste materials. However, U.S. EPA has a few comments on the report.

It appears the remediation schedule has been extended from 16 years, as proposed in the OU 3 Interim Record of Decision, to 30 years in the PSR, based upon estimated available funding at reduced levels. The United States Department of Energy (U.S. DOE) should take future steps to modify and expedite this schedule to reduce both remediation time and total project cost.

U.S. EPA hereby approves the PSR pending incorporation of adequate responses to the attached comments. U.S. DOE must submit a revised PSR within thirty (30) days receipt of this letter.

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

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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