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**WETLAND MITIGATION APPROACH**

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RE: DOE FEMP  
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WETLAND MITIGATION APPROACH

Mr. Jack Craig  
Director  
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Dear Mr. Craig:

Ohio EPA has reviewed DOE's "Wetland Mitigation Approach for the Fernald Environmental Management Project" submitted to Ohio EPA on April 21, 1995. Ohio EPA looks forward to working with DOE to develop a more substantive plan for addressing wetland mitigation at the FEMP.

Ohio EPA believes the most appropriate path forward is on-site wetland mitigation and compensation. On-site wetland mitigation will result in beneficial reuse of areas of the Fernald site consistent with current remediation plans. Ohio EPA believes that the greatest environmental improvement for the dollar will be achieved by incorporating wetland mitigation into the remedial action for areas such as OU1 and OU2. In addition, this approach is consistent with the recommendations of the Fernald Citizens Task Force.

If you should have any questions, please contact Joe Bartoszek at (513) 285-6464 or me.

Sincerely,

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