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SOUTH PLUME DISCHARGE LEAK DETECTION

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:
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RE: South Plume Discharge
Leak Detection System

Dear Mr. Reising:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has completed its review of the United States Department of Energy's (U.S. DOE) letter concerning the South Plume discharge line leak detection system. The letter details, based on three rounds of sampling, the ineffectiveness of the existing monitoring program to determine if leaks from the South Plume discharge line are occurring.

U.S. EPA concurs with U.S. DOE's rationale for discontinuing sampling efforts as part of the leak detection monitoring program. However, it remains U.S. DOE's responsibility to evaluate the integrity of the South Plume discharge line. Therefore, U.S. DOE must develop and provide information on an alternative monitoring system, or some other mechanism to determine the integrity of the South Plume discharge line.

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

Sincerely,

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