

PHASE VII REMOVAL ACTIONS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

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RE: Phase VII Removal
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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 Phase VII Removal Actions (RA) and reporting requirements.

As discussed in the letter and previous conference calls and meetings, considering that only Operable Unit (OU) 3 does not have a signed final Record of Decision, there no longer needs to be an annual update of proposed new Removal Actions. Therefore, U.S. EPA concurs with U.S. DOE that the annual update and recommendation for future RA is no longer required. If conditions or circumstances at the Fernald site necessitate a future RA U.S. DOE will notify U.S. EPA at that time.

In the interest of streamlining and cost reduction, U.S. DOE has also proposed reducing and/or eliminating certain reporting requirements according to the 1991 Amended Consent Agreement. The letter includes two enclosures detailing proposed changes to the reporting requirements. These changes include: shortening the monthly progress report identifying the removal actions or other milestones completed during the previous month; a quarterly report containing a brief status on the implementation of remedial activities and a report on effluent radionuclide data; and submittal of project specific plans for each new activity initiated under RA 9 rather than an annual report.

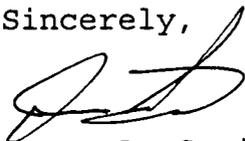
U.S. EPA concurs with the proposed streamlining efforts and changes in the reporting requirements.

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

Sincerely,



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