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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

TRANSMITTAL OF DRAFT FINAL EXPLANATION OF SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES AND RESPONSES TO THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY COMMENTS ON THE ADOPTION OF THE FINAL SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL INTO THE OPERABLE UNIT 5 RECORD OF DECISION

The purpose of this letter is to transmit the draft final Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) document along with responses to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) comments on the draft ESD document. The enclosed draft final ESD document and the associated comment responses were provided informally to you via email correspondence on June 21, 2001 for review.

It is my understanding that the revisions to the draft ESD document and the associated comment responses satisfactorily addressed your comments and concerns. Therefore, with this transmittal, the Fernald Environmental Management Project (FEMP) is pursuing efforts to initiate the 30-day public comment period. Public notification of the public comment period is anticipated to begin July 11, 2001 with the publication of the notice of availability on the draft final ESD document appearing in the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, *Hamilton Journal*, and the *Harrison Press*. The public comment period is scheduled to end August 10, 2001. Additionally, postcards will be sent to our list of interested stakeholders to notify them directly of the ESD document availability and the public comment period.

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After the public comment period a final ESD document will be prepared and submitted to your office for signature. After signature, the ESD document will become a part of the Administrative Record per 40 CFR 300.825(a)(2).

If you should have any questions or comments, please contact Robert Janke at (513) 648-3124.

Sincerely,



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