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Dear Mr. Saric:

FINAL EXPLANATION OF SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES ON THE ADOPTION OF THE SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT FINAL MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL FOR URANIUM INTO THE OPERABLE UNIT 5 RECORD OF DECISION

The purpose of this letter is to transmit, for the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA) signature, the final Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) document for Operable Unit 5. As you are aware, this ESD deals with amending the Operable Unit 5 Record of Decision by adopting the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for uranium as both the Final Remediation Level (FRL) for groundwater restoration and the uranium effluent discharge limit to the Great Miami River. The enclosed ESD contains two attachments, Attachment 1 contains the responsiveness summary to public comments received while Attachment 2 contains copies of the actual comments and a copy of the transcript from the public hearing. The attached documents incorporate the comments received from your informal review and that of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) on the ESD and responsiveness summary.

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

Sincerely,

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