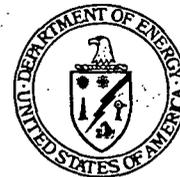




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Dear Mr. Jablonowski and Mr. Schneider:

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION FOR RESPONSE TO DISAPPROVAL OF DRAFT REVISED
FOCUSED FEASIBILITY STUDY/PROPOSED PLAN FOR OPERABLE UNIT 4 SILO 3
REMEDIAL ACTION**

- References:
1. Letter from G. Jablonowski to J. W. Reising, "Disapproval of Draft Revised Focused Feasibility Study/Proposed Plan for Operable Unit 4 Silo 3 Remedial Action," dated October 28, 2002
 2. DOE letter DOE-0671-02, J. W. Reising to G. Jablonowski and T. Schneider, "Draft Revised Focused Feasibility Study/Proposed Plan for Operable Unit 4 Silo 3 Remedial Action," dated August 26, 2002

In Reference 1, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) provided disapproval of the Draft Revised Focused Feasibility Study/Proposed Plan (FS/PP) for Operable Unit 4 Silo 3 Remedial Action (Reference 2) along with USEPA's general and specific comments regarding the document. The 30-day response period specified by paragraph XII.G.5 of the Amended Consent Agreement (ACA) would require the submittal of responses to the referenced comments, and a draft Final FS/PP to the USEPA by November 26, 2002.

In Reference 1, the USEPA recommends that the revised FS/PP, should "reflect consensus between DOE and the regulators as to the scope of the proposed remedy." In an effort to reach such a consensus, several discussions have taken place between the Department of

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Energy, the USEPA, and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA), including the November 7, 2002 meeting with the USEPA in Chicago. In order for the draft final FS/PP for Silo 3 to appropriately reflect the path forward developed during these recent discussions, this letter provides notice in accordance with Paragraph XII.G.6 of the ACA of a 20-day extension of the date for submittal the draft Final FS/PP for Silo 3. The draft Final FS/PP, as well as responses to the referenced comments, will be submitted to the USEPA and the OEPA for review by December 16, 2002.

If there are any questions, please contact Nina Akgündüz at (513) 648-3110.

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