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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

**TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED PLAN FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE OPERABLE UNIT 1
RECORD OF DECISION**

The purpose of this letter is to transmit the Proposed Plan (PP) for an Amendment to the Record of Decision (ROD) for Operable Unit 1 (OU1) to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) for review and comment.

The PP summarizes anticipated changes to the OU1 ROD for the Waste Pits Remedial Action Project (WPRAP). With the project over 60% complete, it is now appropriate to address elements of the cleanup process that while providing a level of protectiveness commensurate with the original OU1 remedy, can offer cost and schedule improvements. Specifically, the changes provide for the following:

1. Alignment of the surface and subsurface soil Final Remediation Levels (FRLs) from the OU1 ROD with the approved soil FRLs found in the Operable Unit 5 (OU5) ROD;
2. Placement of Pit 4 soil cover material meeting the FCPs On-site Disposal Facility waste acceptance criteria into the On-site Disposal Facility; and
3. Provide clarification to terminology used in earlier OU1 decision documents, primarily in the definition of liner, caps, and cover systems.

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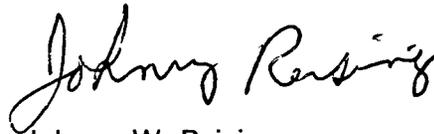
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The proposed changes represent the best overall balance of the evaluation criteria identified in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) National Contingency Plan while providing effectiveness of cleanup in proportion to cost.

If you have any questions or comments on this matter, please contact Dave Lojek at (513) 648-3127.

Sincerely,



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