



Department of Energy
Ohio Field Office
Fernald Environmental Management Project
P. O. Box 538705
Cincinnati, Ohio 45253-8705
(513) 648-3155



-- 8244

JUL 14 2003

Mr. Gene Jablonowski, Remedial Project Manager
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region V, SRF-5J
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

DOE-0440-03

Mr. Tom Schneider, Project Manager
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
401 East 5th Street
Dayton, Ohio 45402-2911

Dear Mr. Jablonowski and Mr. Schneider:

SILOS 1 AND 2 DRAFT EXPLANATION OF SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES FOR OPERABLE UNIT 4

Enclosed for your review and approval is the Draft Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) for Operable Unit 4 (OU4) Silos 1 and 2 Remedial Action. As we discussed in previous meetings, the ESD has been prepared to align the quantitative performance standards for treating the Silos 1 and 2 material with the revised Nevada Test Site Waste Acceptance Criteria. In addition, it allows the option of disposal at an appropriately permitted commercial disposal facility should the option become available in the near future.

Although not required by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, there will be a 30-day public review and comment period following your review and approval.

If you have any questions, please contact Nina Akgündüz at 513) 648-3110.

Sincerely,

Glenn Griffiths
Acting Director

FCP:Akgündüz

Enclosure: As Stated

JUL 14 2003

Mr. Gene Jablonowski
Mr. Tom Schneider

-2-

DOE-0440-03

8244

cc w/enclosure:

R. Greenberg, EM-31/CLOV
N. Akgündüz, OH/FCP
G. Brown, OH/FCP
J. Saric, USEPA-V, SR-6J
T. Schneider, OEPA-Dayton (three copies of enclosure)
M. Cullerton, Tetra Tech
M. Shupe, HSI GeoTrans
R. Vandegrift, ODH
AR Coordinator, Fluor Fernald, Inc./MS78

cc w/o enclosure:

S. Robison, EM-31/CLOV
J. Craig, OH
S. Beckman, Fluor Fernald, Inc./MS52-4
D. Carr, Fluor Fernald, Inc./MS1
R. Corradi, Fluor Fernald, Inc./MS52-4
T. Hagen, Fluor Fernald, Inc./MS1
D. Nixon, Fluor Fernald, Inc./MS65-2
D. Thiel, Fluor Fernald, Inc./MS52-2
T. Walsh, Fluor Fernald, Inc./MS52-3
ECDC, Fluor Fernald, Inc./MS52-7