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RE: J. E. WALTHER LETTER CONCERNING OU 5 PROPOSED PLAN

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Mr. Jack R. Craig
United States Department of Energy
Feed Materials Production Center
P.O. Box 398705
Cincinnati, Ohio 45239-8705

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RE: J.E. Walther Letter Concerning
OU 5 Proposed Plan

Dear Mr. Craig:

On May 22, 1995, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) received a letter from Mr. J.E. Walther commenting on the Operable Unit (OU) 5 Proposed Plan. U.S. EPA is submitting the letter to the United States Department of Energy (U.S. DOE) for formal response as part of the OU 5 Record of Decision and Responsiveness Summary.

Please contact me at (312) 886-0992 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

James A. Saric, Remedial Project Manager
Technical Enforcement Section #1
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Enclosure

cc: Tom Schneider, OEPA-SWDO
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May 18, 1995

Mr. James A. Saric
Remedial Project Director
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region V - 5HRF-8J
77 W. Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

Dear Mr. Saric:

**SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FERNALD ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT PROJECT (FEMP) OPERABLE UNIT #5 PROPOSAL TO
STORE LOW LEVEL TOXIC WASTES ON SITE - DUE BY MAY 31, 1995**

Locating permanent storage of any type of toxic waste over or near the Great Miami Aquifer within several hundred feet of homes and a heavily traveled state road (#126) indicates blatant deliberate disregard for public health, environmental concerns and long term cost effectiveness. What plastic liner will not fail due to stress cracking?

Unbelievable that any scientifically knowledgeable honest person would want to be even remotely associated with such an ill conceived short-sighted proposal!

What a waste of time and money not to do the job correctly the first time around to ship all toxic material offsite to an adequately buffered safe area so that if something does go wrong (as is sure to happen), public health and environmental damage due to toxic waste migration will be minimized.

Sincerely,

J. E. Walther

CC: K. Morgan



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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Mr. J. E. Walther

Dear Mr. Walther:

Thank you for your letter of May 18, 1995, providing comments on the Operable Unit 5 Proposed Plan for remedial action at the Fernald Site. Specifically, your letter opposes the disposal of any type of toxic waste over or near the Great Miami Aquifer.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency understands your concerns, and is working with the United States Department of Energy to address them. On June 7, 1995, U.S. EPA forwarded a copy of your letter to U.S. DOE. They will formally respond to your comment, and include the response in the public record.

Thank you again for your letter, and if I can be of further assistance please contact me at (312) 886-0992.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Saric".

James A. Saric, Remedial Project Manager
Technical Enforcement Section #1
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cc: Tom Schneider, OEPA-SWDO
Jack Craig, U.S. DOE





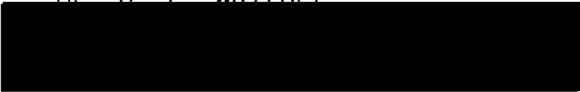
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Mr. J. F. Walther



Dear Mr. Walther:

Thank you for your letter of May 19, 1995, concerning the treatment of hazardous waste from other Ohio facilities at the United States Department of Energy (U.S. DOE) Fernald site.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) have been working with U.S. DOE in developing both the Pilot Plant and the Minimum Additive Waste Stabilization Facility for treatment of waste materials. The design of both facilities has been reviewed and approved by both U.S. EPA and OEPA, and the operation of the facilities is protective of human health and the environment.

Any waste materials shipped to the Fernald site for treatment will be small volumes to determine if Fernald's available technologies can address problems with other waste streams. Once treated, the waste materials will be returned to the originating facility.

Thank you again for your letter, and if I can be of further assistance please contact me at (312) 886-0992.

Sincerely,

James A. Saric, Remedial Project Manager
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May 19, 1995

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Remedial Project Director
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

Dear Mr. Saric:

SUBJECT: TOXIC CANCER PRODUCING HIGHLY RADIOACTIVE AND CHEMICALLY HAZARDOUS WASTE AMOUNTING TO OVER 15,000 CUBIC METERS FROM OHIO FOR TREATMENT AT FEMP IS BEING CONSIDERED.

The D.O.E. has stated in the past that no toxic waste will be shipped into FEMP. The contract between FERMCO and D.O.E. reflects this decision. We now understand that the D.O.E. and E.P.A. may go back on its word and bring toxic waste in for treatment.

The residents of Crosby Township will be getting clean water from the John Bolton Plant because their underground water supply, as well as a portion of the Great Miami Acquifer, is permanently contaminated with high levels of toxic radioactive chemical waste due to D.O.E.'s operation of the Feed Materials Production Center at Fernald. Will the D.O.E. now pipe in clean air to all the neighboring residents so that they do not breathe in the highly toxic amounts of particulates, vapors, fumes and gases from toxic waste treatment effluent that can not possibly be 100% contained? Public health will be at risk due to prolonged breathing in of small amounts of toxic materials over a period of years.

The D.O.E. should build its toxic waste treatment plant in a safely buffered area where they can more safely operate and experiment and get on with extensive treatment of Ohio's hazardous waste so that the bad effect on public health and the environment will be minimized. To do less than this is irresponsible and a violation of the trust we put in our government, Federal and State E.P.A. and D.O.E. to safeguard the public health.

FEMP Site perimeter samplers at approximately ground level do nothing to accurately indicate if toxic airborne effluent (small amounts of highly mobile micron-sized particulates, vapors, fumes and gases) contamination travels offsite into the lungs of the general public.

We feel that those who are in charge of making the major directional decisions are abandoning the welfare and health of the general public for the sake of expediency and poor management of allocated funds! It looks as if the public is being dumped on again!

Sincerely,

J. E. Walther