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**Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:**

**ON-SITE DISPOSAL FACILITY PHASE II CONSTRUCTION**

**Reference: Letter from J. Reising to J. Saric and T. Schneider, "Responses to U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Comments on Remedial Action Work Plan for the On-Site Disposal Facility," dated August 13, 1997.**

**On June 26, 1998, the On-Site Disposal Facility (OSDF) Project achieved a regulatory milestone for beginning Phase II construction. This milestone to begin by July 15, 1998, was a commitment contained in the above referenced letter. The initial construction activity was installation of a temporary water line for dust control at Cell 2. As you are aware, impacted material placement activities associated with Phase II were initiated in Cell 1 on July 2, 1998, and the installation of the clay liner for Cell 2 began on July 14, 1998.**

If you have any questions, please contact Jay Jalovec at (513) 648-3122.

Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

**RESPONSES TO U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY COMMENTS ON REMEDIAL ACTION WORK PLAN FOR THE ON-SITE DISPOSAL FACILITY**

This letter responds to comments on the Remedial Action Work Plan for the On-Site Disposal Facility (OSDF RAWP) received from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) in a letter dated July 11, 1997. A revised document which reflects these responses is attached.

The first comment from U.S. EPA requested that Figure 1-4 incorporate all key companies and personnel involved in the OSDF. Because the construction subcontractor may change for each phase of OSDF construction and key project personnel may change at any time, the Department of Energy, Fernald Environmental Management Project (DOE-FEMP) feels that the RAWP is not the best place to provide these details. However, Figure 1-4 has been revised to include key personnel positions from the subcontractor organizations and the reporting responsibilities. A detailed list of these key personnel, including company names and telephone numbers, is provided as an attachment to this letter.

The second comment states that, although U.S. EPA understands DOE-FEMP's difficulties in projecting future milestones, the approach of providing them on a fiscal year basis is unacceptable. Funding, weather conditions, and variations in excavation quantities make it difficult to establish realistic long-term milestones for OSDF construction. DOE-FEMP still believes that establishing milestones on a fiscal-year basis is the best option. It is suggested, however, that an enforceable milestone be established for August 15 of each year that requires DOE-FEMP to submit a list of proposed milestones for the coming fiscal year to U.S. EPA and Ohio EPA. In keeping with this suggestion, the following is the proposed list of milestones for Fiscal Year 1998:

Place Seasonal Cover on OSDF  
Begin Impacted Material Placement  
Begin OSDF Phase II Construction

December 1997  
March 27, 1998  
July 15, 1998

The first two milestones are in the current OSDF RAWP; the third is a new milestone. OSDF Phase II construction includes installation of the liner for Cell 2 and impacted material placement in Cells 1 and 2. After performing site preparation, it is expected that the first earthwork activity under OSDF Phase II will be the continuation of the Cell 2 excavation that will have been initiated in Fall 1997.

The final comment requested that Section 2.6 of the OSDF RAWP be revised to include additional detail on the sequencing of OSDF construction. This information has been added to Section 2.6 (page 11) of the revised document.

Please contact Rod Warner at (513) 648-3156 if there are any questions regarding OSDF construction activities.

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