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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

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Mr. Johnny Reising
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RE: OSDF Cell 1 Operation

Dear Mr. Reising:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has completed its review of the United States Department of Energy's (U.S. DOE) June 28, 1999 letter regarding the resumption of waste placement in Cell 1 at the On-Site Disposal Facility (OSDF).

U.S. EPA concurs that the repairs to the Leachate transmission System (LTS) between manholes 1 and 2 have been repaired according to the design change notices. Therefore, U.S. DOE may resume waste placement in OSDF Cell 1.

U.S. EPA reiterates its position that these repairs in the LTS are not satisfactory as a long-term solution, and requests that U.S. DOE begin planning for the LTS replacement to be designed and fully operational in calendar year 2000.

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

Sincerely,

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