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Dear Mr. Saric, Mr. Schneider, and Mr. Gruber:

**RESCHEDULING OF WASTE PITS REMEDIAL ACTION PROJECT DRYER
PERFORMANCE TEST**

Reference: Letter, J. Reising to Messrs. Saric, Schneider, and Gruber,
"Performance Test Notification," dated February 1, 2000.

The purpose of this letter is to provide notification of rescheduling to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA), and the Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services (DOES), of the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) emissions performance test on the Waste Pits Remedial Action Project (WPRAP) dryer.

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The referenced letter provided notification to the agencies of DOE's intent to conduct dryer emissions testing, with a revised testing date being set for March 16, 2000. As of March 14, 2000, DOE initiated a Conduct of Operations stand-down. The purpose of this stand-down is to assess recent operational errors, and to provide a time for facility personnel to re-orient themselves on the proper execution of Con-Ops, standing orders, and following operating procedures. It is anticipated that this stand-down could last anywhere from one to two weeks.

As a result of the stand-down (i.e., with the dryer not being operational), the dryer performance test cannot be conducted on March 16, 2000. Therefore, DOE requests a 30-day extension to the performance test date. Once DOE is able to establish a new start date, the agencies will be informed of the rescheduled performance test date.

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

Sincerely,



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