

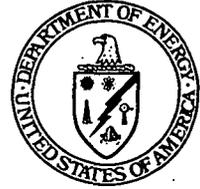


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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

TRANSMITTAL OF: 1) THE INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING STATUS REPORT FOR FOURTH QUARTER 1999 (MARCH 2000), 2) RESPONSES TO U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY COMMENTS ON THE INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING STATUS REPORT FOR THIRD QUARTER 1999 (DECEMBER 1999), 3) RESPONSES TO OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY COMMENTS ON THE INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING STATUS REPORT FOR SECOND QUARTER 1999 (SEPTEMBER 1999), AND 4) RESPONSES TO OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY COMMENTS ON PROPOSED CHANGES RESULTING FROM THE 1999 ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PLAN, REVISION 1

This letter transmits the subject documents to meet the quarterly reporting obligation defined in the Integrated Environmental Monitoring Plan (IEMP) for the Fernald Environmental Management Project (FEMP). Furthermore, in an effort to improve the data reporting process defined in the IEMP, the Department of Energy (DOE) has again posted the Integrated Environmental Monitoring Status Report for Fourth Quarter 1999 on the Internet. As previously discussed with the agencies, it is DOE's intent to streamline and improve the IEMP quarterly reporting process by using the Internet and other net-based communication technologies as the primary vehicles for transmitting data and publishing the IEMP Quarterly Status Reports. As requested by the agencies, DOE will continue to send hard copies of the report to facilitate the review process and in order to have the ability to use these reports as reference material.

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The IEMP Quarterly Status Report is located on www.fernald.gov under the menu item Cleanup Status and within the project description for Environmental Monitoring. After clicking on the link for the March 2000 Report (Fourth Quarter 1999 Status Report), the main menu will appear as follows:

- Groundwater
- OSDF
- Surface Water
- Air Monitoring
- Natural Resources
- Meteorological
- Acronyms
- References

It will be available for viewing by Monday, March 27, 2000. For convenience, the Integrated Environmental Monitoring Status Report for Third Quarter 1999 is still available for reference. It is planned that the quarterly status reports associated with a year will be available on the Internet until the annual Integrated Site Environmental Report is available.

As agreed to with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA), agency comments on the Integrated Environmental Monitoring Status Reports for Second and Third Quarter 1999 have been addressed through the attached Comment Response documents, rather than through a revision of the reports. Additionally, "Responses to OEPA Comments to Responses to OEPA Comments on Proposed Changes Resulting from the 1999 Annual Review of the Integrated Environmental Monitoring Plan, Revision 1" are provided in this transmittal.

Also enclosed with this transmittal is a CD-ROM, which contains the data used in the development of the quarterly status report. The following Word files are included on the CD-ROM and identify all electronic files associated with each media: GW300.doc (groundwater including On-Site Disposal Facility information), SW300.doc (surface water), and AIR300.doc (air and meteorological).

As identified in the transmittal letter for the Integrated Environmental Monitoring Status Report for Third Quarter 1999, through continuous utilization of the Internet, DOE will be able to provide future improvements to these reports as new technologies become available. It is DOE's commitment to continue to improve the product provided to the regulatory agencies and Fernald stakeholders, while realizing cost savings. The first initiative for future improvements is to establish a net site for transmitting data to the regulatory agencies. This site would replace the current practice of transmitting data via CD-ROM and would allow U.S. EPA and OEPA access to environmental data in a more expedient manner. This project has been initiated during first quarter 2000 and is anticipated to be in place and available for the agencies' access during the second quarter.

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If you have any questions concerning the attached documents, or access to the Internet site, please contact Kathleen Nickel at (513) 648-3166.

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