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

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

- References:
- 1) Letter, J. W. Reising to Messrs. J. Saric, T. Schneider, and L. Gruber, "Rescheduling of Waste Pits Remedial Action Project Dryer Performance Test," dated March 15, 2000
  - 2) Letter, T. Schneider to J. Reising, "Rescheduling of WPRAP Performance Test," dated March 20, 2000

Reference No. 1 provided notification to the Agencies of the Department of Energy's (DOE) intent to postpone dryer emissions testing approximately 30 days, (i.e., from March 16, 2000 to April 16, 2000), due to a Conduct Of Operations (CONOPS) stand down. As a result of this stand down, areas of deficiencies have been recognized that must be corrected prior to project start-up. It is DOE's intent to ensure deficiencies in areas of supervision, organizational structure, standing orders, shift turnover, and work controls are corrected prior to restart. To facilitate such corrections in a timely yet effective manner, DOE requests an additional extension to the above referenced extension

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for completing the dryer performance test. Specifically, DOE requests the time for completion of the emissions test be extended to May 31, 2000.

In response to the issues raised in Reference No. 2, once the project is prepared for restart, the schedule for conducting the performance test will most likely be as follows:

Sunday - dryer start up

Monday - begin processing material through the dryer

Tuesday - set up for emissions testing

Wednesday - conduct emissions testing.

The performance testing will be initiated within 48 hours of the pit material being fed to the dryers. DOE will notify the Agencies of the scheduled test date, including Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services, well in advance to facilitate your attendance.

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

Sincerely,



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