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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

OPERABLE UNIT 2 REMEDIAL DESIGN MILESTONES

The approved Operable Unit 2 (OU2) Remedial Design Work Plan (RDWP) establishes the enforceable milestone dates for design deliverables associated with the OU2 remedy. Included are the milestones for design of the excavation of the OU2 waste units. The milestones for submittal of the Waste Unit Excavation Preliminary, Pre-Final, and Final Design Packages are May 28, 1996, October 22, 1996, and March 20, 1997.

The Fernald Environmental Management Project (FEMP) is proceeding in accordance with the above milestones and anticipates submittal of the preliminary design package for the waste unit excavation on schedule. In reviewing the site-wide schedule for remedial activities, the FEMP has identified what it believes is a potential opportunity to identify lessons learned and observations from field excavation activities for incorporation into the Pre-Final Waste Unit Excavation Design Package. Specifically, excavation is scheduled to begin in late Fiscal Year (FY) 1996 for Area 1 - Phase I remedial activities and the draft Site-Wide Excavation Plan will be submitted in October 1996. Lessons learned and relevant observations from this work could be incorporated into the pre-final design package and Waste Unit Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) without impacting the existing schedule for waste unit material placement into the On-Site Disposal Facility.

Accordingly, the FEMP is requesting your approval to revise the OU2 RDWP such that the submittal dates for the pre-final design package and draft RAWP are changed from October 22, 1996, to March 14, 1997, and the submittal dates for the final design package and final RAWP are changed from March 20, 1997, to August 11, 1997.

The changes to the RAWP schedules are requested to maintain proper alignment with the design packages. As stated above, these revisions will not impact the existing schedule of March 1998 for first placement of OU2 waste unit materials into the On-Site Disposal Facility.

Section 6.3 of the OU2 RDWP states that Remedial Action will commence upon issuance of a contract for construction of the primary waste haul road. Based on previous discussions, the Department of Energy, Fernald Area Office (DOE-FN) would like to clarify that the commencement of Remedial Action will instead be marked by the construction of the test pad, excavation of contaminated soil, and certification of the On-Site Disposal Facility footprint.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this request, please contact Jay Jalovec at (513) 648-3122.

Sincerely,



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