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 REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:
 SRF-5J

RE: Stormwater Bypass Events

Dear Mr. Reising:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has reviewed several letters from the United States Department of Energy (U.S. DOE) reporting stormwater bypasses directly to the Great Miami River.

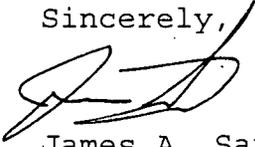
U.S. EPA has reviewed the historical bypass event records and concurs that the Operable Unit (OU) 5 Record of Decision allows for ten(10) bypass events annually, and that they be reported to U.S. EPA within seven (7) days. However, the anticipated duration of the bypass events was one day. U.S. EPA is concerned with the current duration of the exceedences.

Although this spring has produced extensive rainfall, an average bypass event lasting four days is unacceptable. U.S. DOE must reevaluate its existing stormwater management and advanced wastewater treatment plant operations to reduce the duration of the bypass events.

U.S. EPA requests U.S. DOE submit an action plan describing what activities will be taken to reduce both the number and frequency of stormwater bypasses in the future. U.S. DOE should submit such plan within thirty (30) days receipt of this letter.

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

Sincerely,



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