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RE: DOE FEMP
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Mr. Johnny Reising
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Dear Mr. Reising:

This letter is a follow up to our July 29, 1996 letter and comments on the Alternative Remedial Action Subcontracting Approach Statement of Work for Operable Unit 1. It has become obvious to us that we overlooked a significant issue in those comments. This issue relates to the open nature of the SOW with regard to drying technology. Though the OU1 ROD does reference "thermal drying", Ohio EPA, and we believe the public, equated this with indirect thermal drying based upon discussions with DOE in technical and public meetings.

Ohio EPA believes the use of an open definition of thermal drying within any RFP raises some significant issues for OU1. In particular, if DOE follows the open definition path, we believe that an immediate effort must be made to educate the public to this definition and an evaluation of Ohio rules and regulations addressing such a definition needs to be conducted. In order to ensure the greatest likelihood of success for ARASA, Ohio EPA recommends that these issues be resolved prior to any release of the RFP.

Ohio EPA is available to work with you and your staff to reach a timely resolution of these issues and avoid any unnecessary delays in the OU1 project.

If you should have any questions concerning this letter feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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