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 REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Mr. Johnny W. Reising
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RE: Evaluation of OU 4
 Silo 3 Alternatives

Dear Mr. Reising:

At a June 11, 1996, meeting between representatives of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), the United States Department of Energy (U.S. DOE), and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. DOE discussed a desire to possibly expedite the remediation of the Operable Unit (OU) 4, Silo 3 residues. U.S. EPA supported the acceleration of all remedial activities.

On July 10, 1996, U.S. DOE submitted a justification for reevaluation of the Silo 3 remediation alternative. The document evaluates alternative treatment methods to accelerate remediation of the Silo 3 residues.

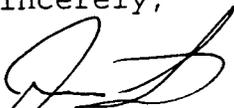
The document fails to clearly relay the benefits of residue cement stabilization over vitrification, provide evidence of project cost savings, accelerate the project schedule with respect to existing milestones, and optimize the remedial design/remedial action program.

U.S. EPA has attached comments on the document. Considering the nature of the comments, and the citizen concerns raised at the August 20, 1996, workshop on the Silo 3 cementation, U.S. EPA requests U.S. DOE not develop an Explanation of Significant Differences document until all outstanding issues are resolved. Once U.S. DOE has reviewed the comments, U.S. EPA requests a meeting to discuss the issues, as well as a path forward to expedite Silo 3 remediation.

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

Sincerely,



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