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WORK PLAN AND RESPONSES TO THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY AND THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY COMMENTS, JANUARY 1997 - (ONLY RESPONSES ARE LOCATE
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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

TRANSMITTAL OF THE FINAL OPERABLE UNIT 1 REMEDIAL ACTION WORK PLAN AND RESPONSES TO THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY COMMENTS, JANUARY 1997

This letter transmits the Final Operable Unit 1 (OU 1) Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) and Responses to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) comments. The U.S. EPA approved the RAWP on December 10, 1996 and the OEPA conditionally approved the RAWP, with comments, on December 23, 1996.

The Final OU1 RAWP provides a framework for implementing remedial activities authorized under the OU1 Record of Decision (ROD) and the Remedial Design Work Plan (RDWP) with its addendum. The Final OU1 RAWP also includes a discussion of the integration of the Alternative Remedial Action Subcontracting Approach (ARASA) subcontractor and DOE activities.

If you have any questions with regard to this item, please contact Dave Lojek at (513) 648-3127.

Sincerely,



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**RESPONSE TO USEPA AND OHIO EPA COMMENTS
ON THE DRAFT REMEDIAL ACTION WORK PLAN
FOR REMEDIAL ACTIONS AT OPERABLE UNIT 1 (cont'd)**

3.) Commenting Organization:	Ohio EPA	Commentor:	OFFO
Section #: Table 2-1	Pg. #: 2-16	Line #.	Code: C
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Comment: Please add the date of award for the ARASA subcontract to Table 2-1, enforceable milestones. This addition will provide consistency with milestones for other FEMP Operable Units. As shown by the significant slip in schedule for issuing the RFP, it is important to make sure the award date occurs on schedule.

Response: The Remedial Action Work Plan Format, approved by U.S.EPA on July 11, 1995, provides an outline used to establish the enforceable schedule for completion of remedial activities. The outline includes dates for initiation of remedial activities (i.e., 15 month criteria), initiation of waste removal/treatment, and for milestones required for submittal of sampling and analysis requirements, health and safety/contingency planning requirements, operations and maintenance planning requirements, and groundwater monitoring. DOE believes that the current enforceable milestones are consistent with the approved RAWP outline.

The enforceable milestone for initiation of operations, March 1, 1999, ensures that any procurement activities supporting the initiation of operations milestone will be met. DOE also believes that many variables associated with award of a contract, such as vendor response, DOE/FDF response to vendor comments, etc., make it difficult to commit to a specific contract award milestone and may put the government at a disadvantage in price and schedule negotiations.

Action: No action required.