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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF SUBMITTAL DATE FOR THE DRAFT FINAL
REMEDIAL ACTION WORK PLAN FOR AQUIFER RESTORATION AT
OPERABLE UNIT 5**

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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

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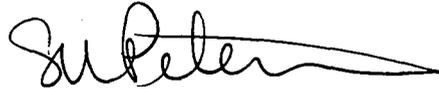
- References:
- 1) Letter from James A. Saric to Johnny W. Reising, "OU5 Draft Remedial Action Work Plan," dated January 8, 1997.
 - 2) Letter from Thomas A. Schneider to Johnny W. Reising, "Additional Comments: Draft RAWP Aquifer Restoration," dated December 23, 1996.

This letter formalizes the subject request which was discussed in the February 4, 1997, conference call with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA). Based on Department of Energy (DOE) receipt of U.S. EPA comments (Reference 1) on January 13, 1997, the Draft Final Remedial Action (RA) Work Plan for Aquifer Restoration is due back to the U.S. EPA on February 12, 1997.

Per discussions on the February 4, 1997, conference call, the DOE is requesting the subject extension based on an OEPA recommendation in Reference 2. The OEPA recommendation was to postpone the finalization of the RA Work Plan until the current Geoprobe investigation and any subsequent related investigations are completed. The current Geoprobe investigation is scheduled to be completed this month. The investigation findings will be incorporated into the Draft Final Baseline Remedial Strategy Report for Aquifer Restoration. This report is scheduled to be submitted to the U.S. EPA and OEPA on April 7, 1997. Therefore, as discussed in the February 4, 1997, conference call, DOE requests that the submittal of the Draft Final RA Work Plan be postponed and submitted concurrently with the Baseline Remedial Strategy Report on April 7, 1997.

If you have any immediate questions regarding the RA Work Plan, please contact Robert Janke at (513) 648-3124.

Sincerely,



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