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RE: DOE FEMP
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Mr. Johnny Reising
U.S. Department of Energy, Fernald Area Office
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Dear Mr. Reising:

This letter serves as approval of the "South Plume Removal Action Design Monitoring Evaluation Program Plan System Evaluation Report for July 1, 1996-December 31, 1996. This report was received by Ohio EPA on April 1, 1997.

The contents of the report were found to be acceptable by Ohio EPA. However, the following comment should be considered and addressed in the next DMEPP submittal.

Commenting Organization: Ohio EPA Commentor: DDAGW
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Original Comment #:

Comment: The Ohio EPA requested DOE to investigate alternative maintenance activities to prevent biofouling. One suggestion was the injection of an "inert" gas blanket, such as N₂, into the well casing. DOE has not reported progress in this investigation.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Proffitt or me.

Sincerely,

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