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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF: _____

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RE: OSDF RA Work Plan

Dear Mr. Reising:

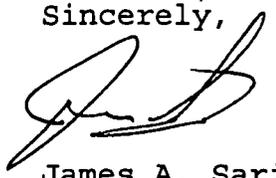
The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has completed its review of the United States Department of Energy's (U.S. DOE) revised Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) for the On-Site Disposal Facility (OSDF).

The RAWP provides an adequate overview of OSDF construction phases. However, several areas could be addressed in greater detail. Figure 1-4 should incorporate all key companies and personnel involved in the OSDF. Although U.S. EPA understands U.S. DOE's difficulties in projecting future milestones the approach of only providing them on a fiscal year basis is unacceptable. Finally, the construction sequencing presented in Section 2.6 needs further explanation, especially the interrelationship between the three main construction activities: liner, leak detection, and leachate collection system construction; impacted materials placement; and final cover and closure system construction for various OSDF cells. The RAWP should discuss how individual OSDF cell closures are being coordinated while other cells are being filled, and the interconnection with the final cover.

Therefore, U.S. EPA disapproves the OSDF RAWP pending incorporation of adequate responses to comments in the document. U.S. DOE must submit responses to comments and a revised document within thirty (30) days receipt of this letter.

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

Sincerely,



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