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July 18, 1997

RE: DOE FEMP  
APPROVAL: RECYCLING  
DECISION METHODOLOGY

Mr. Johnny Reising  
U.S. Department of Energy, Fernald Area Office  
P.O. Box 538705  
Cincinnati, OH 45253-8705

Dear Mr. Reising:

The Ohio EPA is pleased to be able to unequivocally endorse the use of the "Decision Methodology for Fernald Material Disposition Alternatives" dated May 8, 1997. The Ohio EPA provided comments on the "Draft Final Decision Methodology" in our letter to you dated July 2, 1997. The presentation provided at the July 8, 1997 public meeting and subsequent discussions with DOE and FDF staffers have adequately addressed our comments.

The Ohio EPA has been a strong advocate of the beneficial recycling of FEMP materials. We agree with the simplifications that have been incorporated into the methodology. The use of a 10% weighting factor for costs in the Life Cycle Analysis Phase adequately addresses our concern that costs not be an over-whelming driver for recycling decisions. The commitment to evaluate stainless steel well casings, copper ingots, mill rolls, and galvanized and plastic pallets addresses our comments on expanding the universe of potential recycling options.

If you have any questions, please contact Tom Ontko or me.

Sincerely,

*for Tom Schneider*

Thomas A. Schneider  
Fernald Project Manager  
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