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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Mr. Johnny W. Reising
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SRF-5J

RE: OU 2/OU 5 Extension
Request

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) June 27, 1997, request for extension of three milestones, two from Operable Unit (OU) 2 and one from OU 5.

During the last several months significant progress has been made regarding soil certification and excavation. In order for U.S. EPA to provide U.S. DOE with comments on the Sitewide Excavation Plan and the Insitu Radiological Characterization Comparability Study before submitting the Area 2, Phase 1 Integrated Remedial Design Package (A2P1 IRDP), U.S. DOE requests an extension for submittal of the A2P1 IRDP from July 14, 1997 to October 20, 1997.

As a directly associated item, U.S. DOE requested that the final design and certified for construction package associated with A2P1 be extended from August 11, 1997, to February 16, 1998.

Also, as previously discussed, the lime sludge ponds will be incorporated into the IRDP for Area 3, which is scheduled to be submitted to U.S. EPA by July 2, 1998. Additionally, the solid waste landfill will be incorporated into the IRDP for Area 6 to be submitted to U.S. EPA by January 15, 2001.

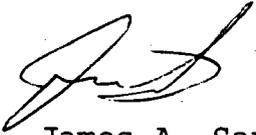
These OU 2 and OU 5 projects are directly related, and numerous recent discussions and meetings have highlighted the importance of integrating the projects. Therefore, U.S. EPA concurs with the extension request for the milestones requested in U.S. DOE's June 27, 1997 letter.

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

Sincerely,



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