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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

**PLACEMENT OF SELECT IMPACTED MATERIAL AND PLACEMENT OF SEASONAL COVER
ON THE ON-SITE DISPOSAL FACILITY**

During our conference call of December 23, 1997, the Department of Energy, Fernald Environmental Management Project (DOE-FEMP) was informed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) that our request for a schedule extension for placement of seasonal cover on the On-Site Disposal Facility (OSDF) until January 15, 1998, was being approved. Additionally, we collectively discussed the possibility of placing more than one foot of material in the cell based upon the extension date.

As a result, DOE-FEMP is requesting approval to place up to three feet of material in the first cell of the OSDF by January 15, 1998. This three foot total would be composed of the one foot protective layer and up to an additional two feet of select impacted material. As requested by the U.S. EPA and the OEPA, we would first place the one foot of protective layer over the entire interior portion of the cell. Then we would place the required depth of material for freeze protection on the area the outer berms. Only after placement of this "wedge" material would we resume placement of select impacted material from the east stockpile.

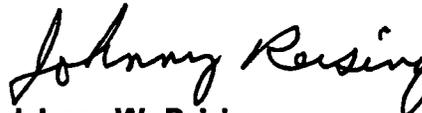
It is understood that this additional activity would be totally dependent upon appropriate construction weather conditions. After placement of the additional material and/or exhausting the volume of the east stockpile, the placement of the crusting agent over the select impacted material for seasonal cover would be completed by the January 15, 1998, date.

If inclement, severe freezing weather is threatening prior to the January 15, 1998, deadline, we will take action to insure the crusting agent for seasonal cover is expeditiously and properly placed.

Your rapid review of this response would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jay Jalovec at (513) 648-3122 or me at (513) 648-3139.

Sincerely,



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