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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Mr. Johnny W. Reising  
United States Department of Energy  
Feed Materials Production Center  
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RE: Research Grants  
Environmental Project

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) document which identifies ecological research projects at the Fernald site. This was required as part of the environmental projects involved in the Operable Unit 4 dispute resolution.

The overall approach to the research projects meet the goals and intentions of dispute resolution. However, there are some deficiencies that must be addressed.

Therefore, U.S. EPA disapproves the research grant proposal pending incorporation of adequate responses into a revised 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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SFD Remedial Response Branch #2

Enclosure

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