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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
P.O. Box 398705
Cincinnati, Ohio 45239-8705

RE: Conservation Area
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) proposal for establishing a conservation area near 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 proposal meets the goal and intentions of establishing a conservation area, however there are some deficiencies that must be addressed.

Therefore, U.S. EPA disapproves the 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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Enclosure

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