



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 5
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD
CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

JAN 28 1998

L-0713
JAN 21 6 43 AM '98

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

6446.4
SRF-5J

Mr. Johnny W. Reising
United States Department of Energy
Feed Materials Production Center
P.O. Box 398705
Cincinnati, Ohio 45239-8705

Subject: Technical Review of Responses to Comments on Draft "Plant 1 Complex - Phase I Project Completion Report" and Final "Plant 1 Complex - Phase I Project Completion Report"

Dear Mr. Reising:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has reviewed the above-referenced documents as part of its oversight activities for Operable Unit 3 at the Fernald Environmental Management Project. The documents, which are dated December 1997, were prepared by Fluor Daniel Fernald for the U.S. Department of Energy (U.S. DOE).

U.S. EPA's review focused on whether U.S. DOE adequately addressed and incorporated U.S. EPA comments on the draft report. U.S. EPA's review indicates that the comments have been adequately addressed and incorporated into the final report. Therefore, U.S. EPA approves the final Phase I project completion report for the Plant 1 Complex.

Please note that in response to Original General Comment 2, U.S. DOE has agreed to provide a separate report that discusses site-wide interim storage. U.S. EPA recommends that U.S. DOE provide an interim storage report on a quarterly basis and acknowledges that U.S. DOE has initiated the development of the recommended report.

Please contact me at (312) 886-4591 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Gene Jablonowski
Remedial Project Manager
Federal Facilities Section
SFD Remedial Response Branch #2

cc: Tom Schneider, OEPA-SWDO
Bill Murphie, U.S. DOE-HDQ
John Bradburne, FERMCO
Terry Hagen, FERMCO

Tom Walsh, FERMCO