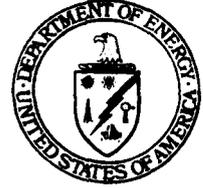




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**Mr. Tom Schneider, Project Manager
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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

SHUT DOWN OF FEMP GROUNDWATER PUMPING AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS

This is to inform you that on March 31, 1998, the Fernald Environmental Management Project (FEMP) will shut down all groundwater pumping systems as well as the Advanced Wastewater Treatment System, Interim Advanced Wastewater Treatment System, and South Plume Interim Treatment System for a period of approximately four days. During this period, the only discharge to the Great Miami River that will occur will be the sewage treatment plant effluent. This shut down is necessary to perform the physical tie-in of the South Field Extraction/South Plume Optimization pipeline into the 24-inch FEMP effluent line. This maintenance activity was discussed during the phone conference of March 24, 1998.

Because the sewage treatment plant effluent is relatively high in uranium concentration, the FEMP may need relief from the 20 ppb discharge limitation. In accordance with Section 9.1.5 of the Operable Unit 5 Record of Decision, this letter serves to request that the uranium concentrations in the discharge to the Great Miami River during this four-day period not be considered in the monthly average calculation for determining compliance with the 20 ppb effluent limit for uranium.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact Mr. Robert Janke at (513) 648-3124, or John Kappa at (513) 648-3149.

Sincerely,



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