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April 2, 1998

RE: DOE FEMP
OSDF RESUMPTION OF WORK

Mr. Johnny Reising
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Dear Mr. Reising:

This letter provides written approval for the resumption of work activities at Cell 1 of the OSDF. The work resumption request was made formally in your letter (DOE-0577-98) and we verbally concurred with your request during the weekly conference call of March 17, 1998. Ohio EPA approves the start up due to the mild nature of the winter to date. We believe each year will require a re-evaluation of the appropriate start up time frame. Additionally, all actions must comply with the IMPP regarding placement activities. Only materials from the East Pile may be disposed until such time as the WAC Plan is approved and all wastes comply with it.

The Ohio EPA believes that two issues regarding winter shut down and spring startup are still outstanding:

Per the OSDF Remedial Action Work Plan (Section 2.5.3), interim construction milestones are to be updated on an annual basis to take advantage of lessons learned. These milestones are yet to be established for this construction year.

The OSDF Specifications Package (Section 13030, Part 3.01E) calls for the winter surface to be smooth-rolled and covered with a crusting agent. The additional protection this provides will be more important as waste is piled higher than surrounding grade and is thereby exposed to the more direct effect of the wind.

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A crusting agent was applied but the winter cover was not smooth rolled in December 1997.

If you have any questions, please contact Tom Ontko or me.

Sincerely,

Tom Ontko

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