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RE: DOE FEMP
APPROVAL: REVISED STRATEGY FOR
WETLAND MITIGATION

Mr. Johnny Reising
U.S. Department of Energy, Fernald Area Office
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Cincinnati, OH 45253-8705

Dear Mr. Reising:

Ohio EPA has reviewed DOE's March 20, 1998 letter, "Revised Strategy for Wetland Mitigation at the Fernald Environmental Management Project." As the letter proposes a strategy similar to that outlined in Ohio EPA's March 19 letter regarding the Preliminary Wetland Mitigation Assessment, we concur with the revised strategy. Ohio EPA reiterates its desire to see mitigation activities initiated in the very near term. More specifically, Ohio EPA expects that certification of the area and design of the wetland could be completed this summer with construction activities initiated in the fall and planting/seeding being completed in Spring 1999.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (937) 285-6466.

Sincerely,

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