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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Mr. Johnny W. Reising
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SRF-5J

RE: Start-up Plan for the
Southfield and South
Plume Approval

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) draft final start-up monitoring plan for the Southfield extraction and south plume optimization modules for aquifer restoration.

The document provides a plan for the start-up and monitoring of several groundwater extraction wells in the Southfield and south plume areas.

U.S. DOE has adequately addressed and incorporated U.S. EPA's previous comments into the document. Therefore, U.S. EPA approves the start-up groundwater extraction plan.

Please contact me at (312) 886-0992 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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