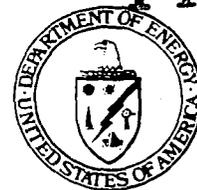




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Dear Mr. Jablonowski and Mr. Schneider:

### AMENDMENT TO THE THORIUM/PLANT 9 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR ABOVE-GRADE DECONTAMINATION AND DISMANTLEMENT

The purpose of this letter is to obtain U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) approval for which this letter will serve as the approved amendment to the Final Thorium/Plant 9 Complex Implementation Plan Above-Grade Decontamination and Dismantlement (July 1997). This amendment is to relocate the Decontamination and Dismantlement (D&D) scope of work for Buildings 64 and 65 from the Thorium/Plant 9 Complex to the Maintenance/Tank Farm (MTF) Complex. As identified in Section 2.1 of the Implementation Plan, Buildings 64 and 65 are currently included in the Thorium/Plant 9 remediation subcontractor bid package as an option. However, Buildings 64 and 65 cannot be removed from service in time to warrant exercising the subcontract option.

The schedule for the Thorium Legacy Waste Project (TLWP), currently occupying Buildings 64 and 65, has been impacted by the leaking white metal box incident, the subsequent Type B Investigation, and corrective actions associated with the investigation. The incident impacts all waste shipments. The result of the schedule delay is that the buildings will not be removed from service and available for D&D until July 1999 (the Thorium/Plant 9 D&D Contractor's current plan is to complete filed activities and demobilize several months earlier).

Additionally, movement of Buildings 64 and 65 D&D to the MTF Complex is recognized as a reduction in the scope of the Thorium/Plant 9 Implementation Plan. DOE recommends that the scheduled milestone for completion of field activity for the Thorium/Plant 9 Complex be revised to June 18, 1999, from the current date of August 17, 1999. Impact of the added scope of work to the MTF Complex schedule for completion of field activities will be addressed in the Implementation Plan to be submitted to the Agencies in May 1998.

If you have any questions, please contact John Trygier at (513) 648-3154.

Sincerely,



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