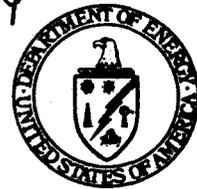




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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

**TRANSMITTAL OF: 1) THE INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING STATUS REPORT FOR SECOND QUARTER 1998 (SEPTEMBER 1998), 2) RESPONSE TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY COMMENTS ON THE INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING STATUS REPORT FOR FIRST QUARTER 1998 (JUNE 1998), AND 3) U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY COMMENTS ON THE 1997 INTEGRATED SITE ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT**

This letter serves to transmit the subject documents. The report has been prepared to meet the quarterly reporting obligation defined in the Integrated Environmental Monitoring Plan (IEMP) for the Fernald Environmental Management Project (FEMP). In addition, as agreed to with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA), comments on the Integrated Environmental Monitoring Status Report for First Quarter 1998 and the 1997 Integrated Site Environmental Report have been addressed through the enclosed comment response documents, rather than through revision of the reports. The Integrated Environmental Monitoring Status Report for Second Quarter 1998 has incorporated the actions included in the enclosed comment response document.

Included with this transmittal is a CD-ROM which contains the data used in the development of the quarterly status report. It is the DOE's hope that this change in the electronic data deliverable from multiple computer diskettes to a single CD-ROM will improve data transfer and data accessibility for the agencies. The following WordPerfect files are included on the CD-ROM and identify all electronic files associated with each media: GW998.wpd (groundwater), SW998.wpd (surface water), and AIR998.wpd (air).

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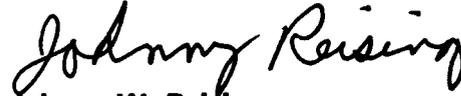
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Should you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact Kathleen Nickel at (513) 648-3166.

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