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RE: DOE FEMP  
COMMENT PROJECT  
COMPLETION REPORT  
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Mr. Johnny Reising  
U.S. Department of Energy, Fernald Area Office  
P.O. Box 538705  
Cincinnati, OH 45253-8705

Dear Mr. Reising:

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the Project Completion Report Boiler Plant/Water Plant Complex Decontamination and Dismantlement Project (Rev. 0). We have one comment.

Commenting Organization: Ohio EPA                      Commentor: OFFO  
Section #: Tables 3-1 thru 3-3                      Pg #: 11                      Line #:                      Code: c

Comment: The text in Section 2.1 explains that waste oils, mercury switches, boiler feed chemicals and water treatment chemicals would all be dispositioned consistent with applicable RCRA regulations. We assume that these are some of the debris referred to in Tables 3-1 through 3-3. Why do the net weights of the drums vary so much? Some of the 55-gallon drums have net weights less than 30 pounds and others have net weights of 400 or 500 pounds. Similarly, the 85-gallon drums both have very low net weights. Our comments are motivated by the concern that disposal costs could be reduced by utilizing the most efficient packaging of wastes that are shipped off site.

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

Sincerely,

*for Tom Ontko*

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