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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

Mr. Johnny W. Reising
United States Department of Energy
Feed Materials Production Center
P.O. Box 398705
Cincinnati, Ohio 45239-8705

RE: OU 2 Southfield Firing Range

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) March 30, 1999, letter and fact sheet regarding the proposed revision to the remediation approach of the Operable Unit (OU) 2 Southfield firing range.

Based on the six reasons provided in U.S. DOE's letter, U.S. EPA concurs with the proposal for on-site stabilization, treatment, and disposal of the firing range soils, as opposed to off-site disposal as documented in the OU 2 Record of Decision (ROD).

U.S. EPA believes this is a non-significant change to the ROD, as defined by U.S. EPA's guidance 'Guide to Addressing Pre-ROD and Post-ROD changes.' Documenting the change in the form of a fact sheet and making it available to the public is the appropriate action. U.S. EPA has also reviewed the fact sheet and finds that it adequately justifies and explains the change.

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

Sincerely,

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