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Mr. Johnny W. Reising  
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RE: RA 17 Stockpiles PSP

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) revised Project Specific Plan (PSP) for sampling of Removal Action (RA) 17 stockpiles (SP) 1, 2, and 4.

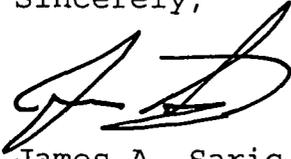
The purpose of the PSP is to evaluate whether soil in stockpiles 1, 2, and 4 meets the waste acceptance criteria for the on-site disposal facility.

The PSP appears consistent with other documents and adequately meets its objectives. Therefore, U.S. EPA approves the PSP. However, there is one issue that should be considered in the sampling of future soil stockpiles. The alternative sampling depths listed in Appendix C are the same as the primary sampling depths for almost half of the sampling locations, including locations 2, 8, 9 and 10 for SP 1; ;locations 1, 3, 4, 6, and 10 for SP2; and locations 3, 5, 7, 8, and 9 for SP4. This situation is apparently due to the thinness of each SP at these locations and the need for 1 full foot of depth to collect a sample. Another approach is needed to select an alternative sampling depth.

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

Sincerely,



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