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Mr. Tom Schneider, Project Manager  
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Dear Mr. Schneider:

### VARIANCE REQUEST FOR PROPOSED AREA 1 PHASE II SLUDGE REMOVAL SCHEDULE

- References:
- 1) Letter, J. Reising to T. Schneider, "Proposal for Interim Management of Certain Materials," dated August 7, 1998
  - 2) Letter, T. Schneider to J. Reising, "DOE-FEMP Approve: Interim Management of Digester Sludge," dated August 12, 1998

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the removal date for approximately 600 cubic yards of digester sludge currently located in the old Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) sludge drying bed, the primary clarifier, and the remaining digester structure will be June 30, 1999, instead of June 1, 1999. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) requested the June 1, 1999, removal date in Reference Number 2 letter.

Two factors directly influencing this schedule delay were delays in completion of Area 1, Phase II (A1PII) site preparation and award of an excavation contract. Site preparation was originally anticipated for completion in January 1999, but was not completed until May 7, 1999, due to wet weather conditions earlier this year. The award of the excavation contract was expected at the end of March 1999; however, the contract was not awarded until April 15, 1999.

As also requested in your Reference 2 letter, the OEPA was notified and was provided an opportunity to inspect the sludge drying beds both upon completion of sludge transfer prior to tarping and following tarping of the beds in August 1998. The sludge drying beds will be the first priority for excavation during the STP excavation activities, which is scheduled to start on or before June 1, 1999. The digester sludge and above-Waste Acceptance Criteria (WAC) soil will be excavated and managed as described in the Approved STP Supplemental Characterization Summary package. All the digester sludge will be transported to Soil Stock Pile 7 by June 30, 1999, awaiting off-site shipment and disposal at a later date through the Waste Pits Remedial Action Project.

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Please contact Robert Janke at (513) 648-3124 if you have any questions or concerns with this request.

Sincerely,



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