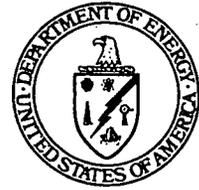




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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ENFORCEABLE MILESTONE MET, START CONSTRUCTION OF ON-SITE DISPOSAL FACILITY CELL 3

On August 13, 1998, the Department of Energy (DOE) proposed several new milestones for the On-Site Disposal Facility (OSDF) Project. Subsequently, both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and Ohio Environmental Agency (OEPA) concurred with DOE's proposal. One new milestone was to start the construction of Cell 3 by July 1, 1999.

On April 29, 1999, Fluor Daniel Fernald, Inc. (FDF) started the excavation of the final 1 foot of soil in the Cell 3 footprint. As you are aware, the excavation in Cell 3 was stopped 1 foot above design elevation last summer. This 1 foot of material was left during the winter to protect the subgrade material. Excavation of the 1 foot of material is the final step to achieve design elevation for Cell 3 clay liner installation. This is a significant activity constituting the start of construction for Cell 3. As such, the above stated milestone has been met.

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Please contact Jay Jalovec at (513) 648-3122 if you have any questions regarding this transmittal.

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