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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

EXTENSION REQUEST OPERABLE UNIT 5: EXTEND THE SCHEDULE FOR AREA 9, PHASE I CERTIFICATION DESIGN LETTER SUBMITTAL

The Sitewide Excavation Plan (SEP), dated July 1998, established (Volume I, Section 1.0, Table 1-5) the schedule date for the submittal of the Certification Design Letter (CDL) for Area 9, Phase I (A9PI) to be August 29, 1999. As you are aware, the Department of Energy (DOE) has had considerable difficulty obtaining an access agreement with the A9PI land owner in order to perform the necessary soil scanning and sampling efforts. These difficulties have resulted in the need to request an extension for the submittal of the CDL for this area. Therefore, the purpose of this letter is to request that the schedule date for the submittal of the A9PI CDL to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) be extended to February 25, 2000.

On March 5, 1999, the Department of Energy, Fernald Environmental Management Project (DOE-FEMP) transmitted to your office the revised Project Specific Plan (PSP) for performing pre-certification activities in A9PI (draft plans had already been provided informally to the U.S. EPA for review). Recognizing the access difficulties and impending schedule delays, the transmittal letter outlined a tentative schedule to address the soils in A9PI. The letter anticipated performing the pre-certification activities during the winter of 1999-2000 with, hopefully, the subsequent submittal of the CDL to the U.S. EPA and OEPA by early Spring of 2000. This extension request letter is, therefore, consistent with the March 5, 1999 letter.

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Although negotiations with the land owner have seemingly improved recently, the present schedule (pre-certification fall/winter of 1999/2000) is still contingent upon obtaining the access agreement for precertification scanning by October 1, 1999. Later, a second, separate access agreement will also need to be obtained in order to perform the certification sampling. Due to the tenuous nature in obtaining an access agreement and the uncertainty of the precertification results, it may be necessary to postpone certification sampling until Fall 2000. While the above schedule reflects this, DOE will expedite this work as much as possible.

Please contact Robert Janke at (513) 648-3124, or Kathleen Nickel at (513) 648-3166 if you have any questions or concerns regarding this revised schedule.

Sincerely,



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