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George V. Voinovich  
Governor

August 23, 1999

Mr. Johnny Reising  
U.S. Department of Energy, Fernald Area Office  
P.O. Box 538705  
Cincinnati, OH 45253-8705

**Re: APPROVAL - TEMPORARY VARIANCE TO DISCHARGE FROM CLEARWELL**

Dear Mr. Reising:

This letter provides Ohio EPA concurrence with DOE's "Request for Temporary Variance to Discharge Waste Pits Remedial Action Project Waters from the Clearwell to the Biodenitrification Surge Lagoon." Ohio EPA approves DOE's plan to temporarily conduct Waste Pit excavation without the Water Treatment System operational. This temporary operation shall not extend beyond the requested eight weeks.

Ohio EPA's primary goal is to see the full-scale operation of the Waste Pits Remediation facilities. DOE must ensure that temporary operation does not hinder full-scale operation of the facilities from starting on or before October 18, 1999.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (937) 285-6466.

Sincerely,

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Fernald Project Manager  
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