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George V. Voinovich  
Governor

October 19, 1999

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

**Re: APPROVAL - OU1 Extension Request**

Dear Mr. Reising:

This letter provides Ohio EPA concurrence with DOE's "Status of WRAP Startup of Full Scale Operations." Ohio EPA approves DOE's request to delay full-scale operation for 30 days. Though not specifically referenced in DOE's letter, Ohio EPA assumes DOE is also requesting to continue operations under the "Temporary Variance to Discharge Waste Pits Remedial Action Project Waters from the Clearwell to the Biodenitrification Surge Lagoon." Ohio EPA concurs with this approach as well.

Ohio EPA's primary goal is to see the full-scale operation of the Waste Pits Remediation facilities at the soonest possible date in the safest manner. During this interim period, DOE must notify Ohio EPA prior to any discharge from the Clearwell to the BSL and at the completion of discharge provide an accounting of total volume and concentration for the event. Ohio EPA expects that DOE will not require any additional delays in initiating operation of the full-scale system.

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

Sincerely,

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