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Mr. Johnny Reising  
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RE: OU 1 Temporary Load-out Bins

Dear Mr. Reising:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has completed its review of the United States Department of Energy's (U.S. DOE) October 18, 1999, letter requesting the construction and use of two temporary load-out bins in the material handling building in Operable Unit (OU) 1. U.S. EPA concurs with the construction of the two temporary load-out bins.

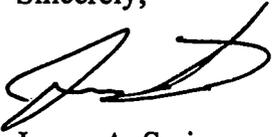
Construction of these temporary bins will assist in meeting 1999 production goals, and these bins will be eliminated after November 15, 1999. Also, given since these bins are twice the size of the permanent bins two composite samples, each from twenty individual sample increments, will be taken per temporary bin. These samples will be used to determine if the waste meets the Enviorcare waste acceptance criteria. It is U.S. EPA's position that if one of the composite samples fails to meet the RCRA characteristic requirements, that the entire bin of waste be designated RCRA characteristic. However, as discussed in the letter the pit cover material, which will be handled during the remainder of the 1999 process period, to date has been orders of magnitude below the RCRA charactersitic levels.

Therefore, U.S. EPA approves the construction of two temporary load-out bins in the material handling building to facilitate operations in OU1.

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Please contact me at (312) 886-0992 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



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