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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

TRANSMITTAL OF: 1) RESPONSES TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY COMMENTS ON THE INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING STATUS REPORT FOR SECOND QUARTER 1999 (SEPTEMBER 1999); 2) RESPONSES TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY COMMENTS ON PROPOSED CHANGES RESULTING FROM THE 1999 ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PLAN, REVISION 1

- References: 1) Letter, J. Reising to J. Saric and T. Schneider, "Transmittal of: 1) The Integrated Environmental Monitoring Status Report for Third Quarter 1999 (December 1999), and 2) Responses to OEPA Comments on the Integrated Environmental Monitoring Status Report for Second Quarter 1999 (September 1999)," dated December 17, 1999
- 2) Letter, J. Reising to J. Saric and T. Schneider, "Transmittal of Proposed Changes Resulting from the 1999 Annual Review of the Integrated Environmental Monitoring Plan, Revision 1," dated November 1, 1999

The transmittal of the first subject comment response document identified above completes the Department of Energy's (DOE) commitment for providing responses to comments on the Integrated Environmental Monitoring Status Report for Second Quarter 1999. As identified in the transmittal letter for the Integrated Environmental Monitoring

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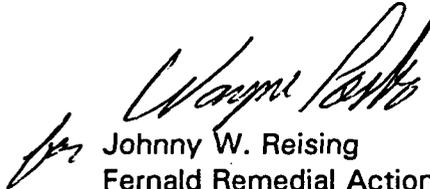
Status Report for Third Quarter 1999 (Reference 1), Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) comment responses were completed and provided with the report. However, responses to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) comments on the second quarter report, which were received early December, would be sent under a separate transmittal. As previously agreed with the U.S. EPA and OEPA, agency comments on the Integrated Environmental Monitoring Status Report for Second Quarter 1999 have been addressed through the enclosed comment response document, instead of through a revision of the report.

This letter also serves to transmit the second subject comment response document, which provides responses to the U.S. EPA and OEPA comments on the proposed changes resulting from the 1999 Annual Review of the Integrated Environmental Monitoring Plan (Reference 2). DOE request the U.S. EPA and OEPA concur with the plan modifications as soon as possible so that implementation can begin during the First Quarter of 2000.

In order to assist in the review of the Internet version of the Integrated Environmental Monitoring Status Report for Third Quarter 1999 (which has been available since mid-December 1999), DOE is supplying a copy of Internet Explorer 5.01 on CD-ROM. DOE is supplying this browser since it has been determined that our Internet site is not completely operational using the Netscape browser. There is a free download of Internet Explorer 5.01 from the Microsoft Internet site (www.microsoft.com/downloads); however, DOE is supplying it to the agencies via a CD-ROM in order to expedite the process and allow the agencies to directly install the browser from the CD-ROM.

If you have any questions concerning the enclosed documents or about the installation of Internet Explorer, please contact Kathleen Nickel at (513) 648-3166.

Sincerely,


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Enclosures

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