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Mr. Johnny W. Reising
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Subject: **Approval of the Extension Request for Maintenance/Tank Farm Complex Decontamination and Dismantlement**

Dear Mr. Reising:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has reviewed the *Extension Request for Maintenance/Tank Farm Complex Decontamination and Dismantlement* (extension request) letter as part of its oversight activities for Operable Unit 3 at the Fernald Environmental Management Project (FEMP). In this extension request, dated January 11, 2000, DOE requests an extension to the existing regulatory milestone from March 9, 2000 to September 30, 2001 for the completion of the Maintenance/Tank Farm Complex Decontamination and Dismantlement, inclusive of Buildings 64 and 65.

U.S. EPA has reviewed this extension request, concurs and therefore approves it. Please contact me at (312) 886-4591 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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