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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

**TRANSMITTAL OF RESPONSES TO THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
COMMENTS AND THE REVISED PROJECT SPECIFIC PLAN FOR SAMPLING AREA 3A
MISCELLANEOUS STOCKPILES FOR ON-SITE DISPOSAL FACILITY WASTE ACCEPTANCE
CRITERIA ATTAINMENT**

Reference: Letter, T. Schneider to J. Reising, "OEPA's Comments on the Project
Specific Plan for Sampling Area 3A Miscellaneous Stockpiles for OSDF WAC
Attainment," dated June 23, 2000

Enclosed for your approval are responses to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) comments and the revised Project Specific Plan (PSP) for Sampling Area 3A Miscellaneous Stockpiles for On-Site Disposal Facility (OSDF) Waste Acceptance Criteria (WAC) Attainment. The PSP has been revised to incorporate responses to the OEPA's comments. Verbal approval was received from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) during the June 27, 2000, weekly conference call.

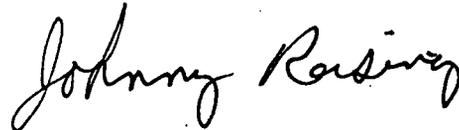
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If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Robert Janke at (513) 648-3124.

Sincerely,



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**RESPONSES TO OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY COMMENTS
ON THE DRAFT PROJECT SPECIFIC PLAN FOR SAMPLING
AREA 3A MISCELLANEOUS STOCKPILES FOR OSDF WAC ATTAINMENT
(20200-PSP-0007, REVISION A)**

FERNALD ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Commenting Organization: Ohio EPA
Section #: General Pg. #: Line #: Commentator: OFFO
Code: E
Original Comment #: 1
Comment: Appendix C is frequently referred to throughout this document as in Sections 2.3.4, 2.4, and 6.0. However, these references do not apply to Appendix C and should be citing other Appendixes in the document. Please correct.

Response: Agreed.

Action: Erroneous references to Appendix C in these sections will be corrected.

Commenting Organization: Ohio EPA
Section #: 1.1 Pg. #: 1-1 Line #: 12-15 Commentator: OFFO
Code: C
Original Comment #: 2
Comment: Ohio EPA does not agree with the method of characterizing stockpile WAC attainment as stated in this section. Historically, and according to the SEP, WAC attainment is a combination of scanning, and sampling and analysis. Each excavation layer of a pile must be scanned via NaI detectors or HPGe measurements. The scans must be at a minimum frequency of 3-foot lifts.

Response: Agreed.

Action: Lines 12 through 15 of Page 1-1 will be changed to read: "Characterization of these stockpiles is necessary prior to excavation to evaluate WAC attainment. Following characterization, layered excavation will be conducted and each 3±1-foot lift will be real-time scanned with NaI or HPGe measurements."