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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

**TRANSMITTAL OF THE PROJECT SPECIFIC PLAN FOR SUPPLEMENTAL BACKGROUND SOIL STUDY**

Enclosed for your review and approval is the Project Specific Plan for the Supplemental Background Soil Study. As discussed in the July 11, 2000 meeting with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA), the Department of Energy (DOE) intends to conduct supplemental background sampling to assess the background levels of metals and radium-226 in the 12-36 inch soil depth interval. The sampling study will be performed in the original background study area to the northwest of the Fernald Environmental Management Project (FEMP) and will emulate the majority of the rigorous quality control measures performed under the 1992 background study. The background data is necessary to direct remediation and certification decisions in Area 9/Phase I, and potentially other off-site properties adjacent to the FEMP.

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If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Robert Janke at (513) 648-3124 or Kathi Nickel at (513) 648-3166.

Sincerely,



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