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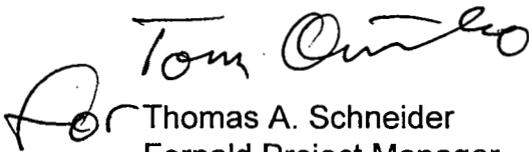
RE: PSP FOR SUPPLEMENTAL BACKGROUND SOIL STUDY

Dear Mr. Reising:

This letter provides Ohio Environmental Protection Agency approval of the Project Specific Plan for Supplemental Background Soil Study. We provide this approval unconditionally but we caution that care should be taken to avoid introducing bias when locating sample points. The PSP allows the sampling team a wide latitude in this decision in that sample locations may be located to within 50 or 100 feet of the approximate center of the quadrants. Introducing bias by consistently choosing locations that are higher, lower, shadier or at the perimeter or center of drainage areas, etc. should be avoided.

If you have any questions, please contact Tom Ontko or me.

Sincerely,



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