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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Mr. Johnny W. Reising
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RE: A8,P2 Ecological Restoration
Research Plan

Dear Mr. Reising:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has completed its review of the United States Department of Energy's (U.S. DOE) Area 8, Phase 2 (A8,P2) ecological restoration research plan. This document is an addendum to the A8,P2, Natural Resource Restoration Design Plan.

The A8,P2 ecological restoration research plan proposes to address the need for a better understanding of the deer browsing impacts to the Fernald site restoration projects. In addition, an outline for a fire management plan is included.

In general, U.S. EPA finds the plan and suggested outline to be technically sound, with minor comments that should be incorporated and addressed in the final ecological restoration research plan. U.S. EPA's comments are attached.

Please contact me at (312) 886-0992 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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