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Mr. Johnny Reising  
U.S. Department of Energy, Fernald Area Office  
P.O. Box 538705  
Cincinnati, OH 45253-8705

**RE: A1P1 REPLACEMENT PLANTING**

Dear Mr. Reising:

Ohio EPA has reviewed DOE's August 31, 2000 submittal, "Transmittal of the Proposed Strategy for Replacement Planting in the Area 1, Phase 1 Wetland Mitigation Project." Ohio EPA approves the proposed approach with the following comments:

1. Planting in WS1 should probably be moved to another basin due to low water retention and high deer impact within Basin 8.
2. Planting of all patches should be aimed at minimizing impacts to established vegetation including native grasses. Planting outside the designated patches is preferable to disturbing established vegetation.
3. This proposal does not address the issues concerning %cover in the basins or upland areas. A combination of fall seeding, spring plugging and adaptive management should be used to address these needs.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (937) 285-6466.

Sincerely,

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