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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION ON ECOLOGICAL RESEARCH ANNUAL REPORTS

- References:
- 1) Letter, J. Saric to J. Reising, "OU4 Dispute Resolution Settlement," dated July 11, 1997
 - 2) Letter, J. Reising to J. Saric and T. Schneider, "Revised Work Plan for Ecological Research Grants and Associated Responses to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Comments," dated March 24, 1998

The purpose of this letter is to request an extension for the submittal of the Ecological Research Annual Reports required under the Operable Unit 4 (OU4) Dispute Resolution Settlement Agreement (Reference 1). The Dispute Resolution Agreement commits the Department of Energy (DOE) to the implementation of several ecological restoration projects. The Revised Work Plan for the Ecological Research Projects defined the scope of each of the projects and established dates for the submittal of annual reports to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) (Reference 2). The projects being carried out as part of the requirements of the referenced work plan include the following:

- American Chestnut Restoration Project - Miami University
- Area 8, Phase I Vegetation Plots - Miami University

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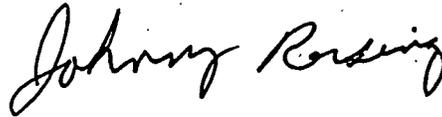
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- Area 1, Phase I Prairie Vegetation - Disturbed Area - University of Dayton
- Area 8, Phase I Prairie Vegetation - Undisturbed Area - University of Dayton
- Identification and Control of Invasive Species - Ohio University
- Ecological Restoration Case Study - Texas Southern University

With the exception of the American Chestnut Project, the submittal of annual reports for all of the above listed projects are due on or before December 1, 2000. The American Chestnut Annual Report is due by February 1, 2001. Through very recent discussions with the above listed universities, it has come to DOE and Fluor Fernald, Inc.'s attention that submittal of these reports by December 2, 2000 will not be possible. The Universities are working on finalizing the annual reports for submittal to DOE and Fluor Fernald, Inc., but their submittals will not occur until after December 1, 2000. Therefore, DOE is requesting an extension for the submittal of the reports until January 15, 2001.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Pete Yerace at (513) 648-3161.

Sincerely,



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