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Mr. Johnny W. Reising
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Feed Materials Production Center
P.O. Box 398705
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RE: Ecological Research Grant
Project Annual Reports

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) transmittal of the year 2000 annual reports prepared by the universities conducting the ecological research grant projects being carried out pursuant to the Operable Unit (OU) 4 dispute resolution agreement.

The annual reports submitted include:

- Area 8, Phase I Revegetation Research Plots
- Area 1, Phase I Prairie Grass Establishment Study
- Area 1, Phase III Invasive Species Control Study

The annual reports appear well written and technically sound, and provide useful information for future restoration activities at the site. Therefore, U.S. EPA approves the reports, as they meet the requirements of the OU 4 dispute resolution agreement

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

Sincerely,

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