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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

TRANSMITTAL OF THE FINAL INTEGRATED REMEDIAL DESIGN PACKAGE FOR AREA 3A/4A

- References:
1. Letter from J. Saric to J. Reising, "Area 3A/4A IRDP RTC," dated August 25, 2001
 2. Letter from T. Schneider to J. Reising, "Conditional Approval RTC on the Area 3A/4A IRDP," dated December 13, 2000

Enclosed is the final Integrated Remedial Design (IRDP) Package for Area 3A/4A. All regulatory comments have been incorporated into the document. The final IRDP was due to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) within 30 days after their approvals, which were obtained on August 25, 2000 and December 13, 2000 from the agencies, respectively. It is important to point out that submittal of the final IRDP has been delayed due to uncertainty of future funding and therefore, scheduling.

Dates listed in Table 6-3 of the final Implementation Plan indicate those excavation activities in Areas 3A and 4A will begin in June of 2001 and April of 2002, and end in December of 2002 and 2003, respectively. Tied to the end dates for excavation are the USEPA and OEPA submittal dates for the Certification Design Letters, December 2003 and 2004 for Areas 3A and 4A, respectively. These dates were developed in early 2000 with

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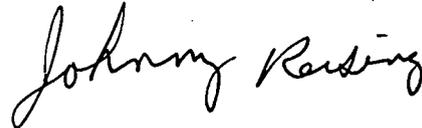
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a funding profile that is no longer realistic under the new closure contract, therefore, the Department of Energy (DOE) cannot commit to this schedule. The Fernald Environmental Management Project (FEMP) did initiate excavation activities in Area 3A in April of this year with the removal of a localized area of above-waste acceptance criteria soils.

Due to ongoing re-baseline activities, these dates will need to be modified at a later time when a new baseline is approved by the DOE. Correction pages will be issued for Revision 0 of the Implementation Plan when the schedule projection is finalized.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Robert Janke at (513) 648-3124.

Sincerely,



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