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RE: Waste Pit National Electric
Coil Solvent PSP

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) Project Specific Plan (PSP) for the Waste Pit remedial action project investigation of the disposal of National Electric Coil (NEC) solvent.

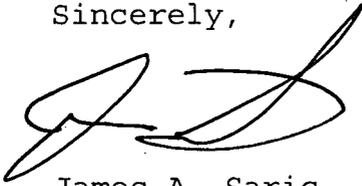
The PSP provides a plan for investigating the potential presence of contamination associated with NEC solvent that is believed to have been disposed in a trench in the Waste Pit area.

U.S. EPA finds the document deficient in that it does not include contingency plans for the investigation based on detection and nondetection of NEC solvent contamination. U.S. EPA has attached comments on the PSP.

Therefore, U.S. EPA disapproves the PSP. U.S. DOE must submit a revised document and responses to comments adequately addressing U.S. EPA's comments within thirty (30) days receipt of this letter.

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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bullets actually discuss means for achieving the single objective stated in the third bullet, which is limited to drilling the seven proposed borings. The actual investigation objectives are (1) to determine whether it is necessary to prepare a project specific plan for isolating and managing any NEC solvent-contaminated material in the Burn Pit area and (2) to determine the extent of any such contamination. The bullets should be revised to clearly state these objectives, and the means should be relegated to other sections.