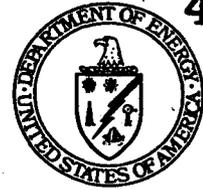


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Dear Mr. Jablonowski and Mr. Schneider:

SUBMITTAL OF PROPOSED DATE FOR REMEDIAL ACTION WORK PLAN FOR WASTE RETRIEVAL OPERATIONS

Reference: Letter, DOE-0914-01, J. W. Reising to G. Jablonowski and T. Schneider, "Revised Silos 1 and 2 Accelerated Waste Retrieval Project Remedial Design/Remedial Action Schedule," dated September 27, 2001

The referenced letter, establishes a June 3, 2002 milestone for proposal of a submittal date for submittal of the draft Remedial Action (RA) Work Plan for Waste Retrieval Operation to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA).

The Department of Energy (DOE) recommends that a milestone date of August 1, 2003 be established for submittal of the draft RA Work Plan for Waste Retrieval Operation to the USEPA and OEPA for review. The RA Work Plan for Waste Retrieval Operation will summarize the strategy for operation of the Silos 1 and 2 waste retrieval system, and will propose appropriate milestone(s) for waste retrieval.

The submittal date of August 1, 2003 is being recommended in order to allow the following information to be utilized in developing the strategy and schedule for waste retrieval operations:

- Results of the Cold Loop Testing of waste retrieval equipment and methods;
- Balance of Plant (BOP) final design, including incorporation of comments from review and approval of the Remedial Design (RD) Package; and
- Data and experience from Radon Control System (RCS) Phase 1 operation.

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In accordance with the referenced letter, the submittal date must be proposed to USEPA by June 3, 2002.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Nina Akgündüz at (513) 648-3110.

Sincerely,

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