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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF: _____

Mr. Johnny W. Reising
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RE: A7 Excavation and
Precertification

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) response to technical review comments on the draft Area 7 (A7) excavation and precertification strategy, Phase 1.

The document adequately responds to U.S. EPA's previous comments and it appears that the excavation should result in contamination from the K-65 trench and high nitrate tank foot print areas being removed before the silo project facilities are constructed.

Therefore, U.S. EPA approves the A7 document. Please contact me at (312) 886-0992 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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