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RE: **DISAPPROVAL - IP FOR AREA 3B/4B/5**

Dear Mr. Reising:

After reviewing the Implementaion Plan for Area 3B/4B/5, submitted by DOE on October 2, 2002, Ohio EPA disapproves this document.

As stated in the SEP, 'Each IRDP will be submitted following *completion* of area-specific pre-excavation investigation and initial design activities'. Predesign bounding sampling in this area is not completed. Nine out of fourteen *known* AWAC areas are not presently bounded. Several other areas have been sampled, but the data was not received and incorporated into this document prior to submittal. While Ohio EPA understands that many of these areas are currently inaccessible, it would not be productive to comment on an excavation design with so many data gaps. Ohio EPA expects DOE to complete the predesign investigation before submitting an IRDP document.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (937) 285-6466.

Sincerely,

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