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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mr. Johnny W. Reising  
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SRF-5J

RE: U.S. DOE Request for  
Extension of Area 3B, 4B, 5  
IRDP

Dear Mr. Reising:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has reviewed the United States Department of Energy's (U.S. DOE) February 7, 2003, request for extension under Section XVIII (Extensions) of the 1991 Amended Consent Agreement (ACA).

U.S. DOE requests an extension for submittal of the revised Integrated Remedial Design Package (IRDP) for Areas 3B, 4B, and 5 until March 31, 2003.

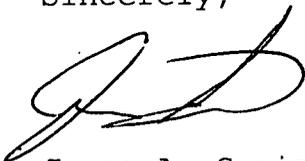
On November 26, 2002, U.S. EPA submitted comments and disapproved the IRDP, as several areas needed further characterization and bounding. In that letter, U.S. EPA also requested a meeting with U.S. DOE prior to resubmittal of the document. On January 29, 2003, representatives of U.S. EPA, U.S. DOE and the Ohio EPA met and further discussed the additional sampling and bounding efforts that have been conducted in Areas 3B, 4B, and 5.

Significant progress has been made in completing characterization in the majority of the areas within Areas 3B, 4B, and 5.

Therefore, U.S. EPA concurs with U.S. DOE's request to submit the revised IRDP for Areas 3B, 4B, and 5 by March 31, 2003.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (312) 886-0992.

Sincerely,



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