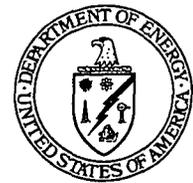




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Dear Mr. Saric, Mr. Schneider, and Mr. Kurey:

NEW WETLAND AREA ADJACENT TO THE BORROW AREA HAUL ROAD

The purpose of this correspondence is to inform you of a new wetland formed immediately adjacent to the Borrow Area Haul Road, west of the former footprint of the Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) (enclosed map). The wetland area was surveyed in February 2003 using the three parameters outlined in the 1987 United States Army Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual (hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and hydrology). Based on this evaluation, this area was determined to be approximately 0.37 acres of jurisdictional wetland. This entire area falls under the footprint of the future Cell 7 of the On-Site Disposal Facility (OSDF), which will be constructed next year.

Due to the need to begin construction activities on the Cell 6 and Cell 7 liners, the subject wetland area will be dredged in Spring 2003. A permit information summary will be prepared and submitted under separate cover to the agencies to comply with substantive permitting and regulatory requirements mandated under wetland applicable, relevant and appropriate requirements identified in various Operable Unit Records of Decision (RODs). In addition, compensation for the wetland impact will occur through restoration activities implemented at the Fernald Closure Project (FCP) as described below.

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Delineated wetlands at the FCP are considered waters of the United States and are subject to mitigation requirements in accordance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. This letter also provides notification of DOE's intent to compensate for the impact to the wetland through the established wetland mitigation process under Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). In June 1995, DOE met with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA), United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) and agreed to mitigate impacts to wetlands at a ratio of 1.5 to 1, replacing 1.5 acres of wetlands for every one-acre dredged or filled. The wetland mitigation approach is outlined in the Natural Resource Restoration Plan (NRRP) for the FCP.

A site-wide wetland delineation of the Fernald site was conducted in 1992 and 1993, and was approved by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District Office, in August 1993. This delineation identified 35.9 acres of on-property jurisdictional wetlands at the FCP. Since the approval of that delineation, wetland areas have been identified at several other locations on the FCP (e.g., STP, Former Trap Range, Southern Pines). Considering the wetlands identified in this letter, a total of 38.27 acres have now been delineated on the FCP. The Operable Unit 5 Feasibility Study anticipated that 10 acres of wetlands would be impacted during remediation. In addition to the originally anticipated 10 acres, 1.87 additional acres have been impacted during remediation including the wetland addressed in this letter. Impact of these 11.87 acres requires the creation of 17.8 acres of new wetlands during restoration of the FCP. Creation of the required 17.8 acres will occur through implementation of the NRRP.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Johnny Reising at (513) 648-3139.

Sincerely,



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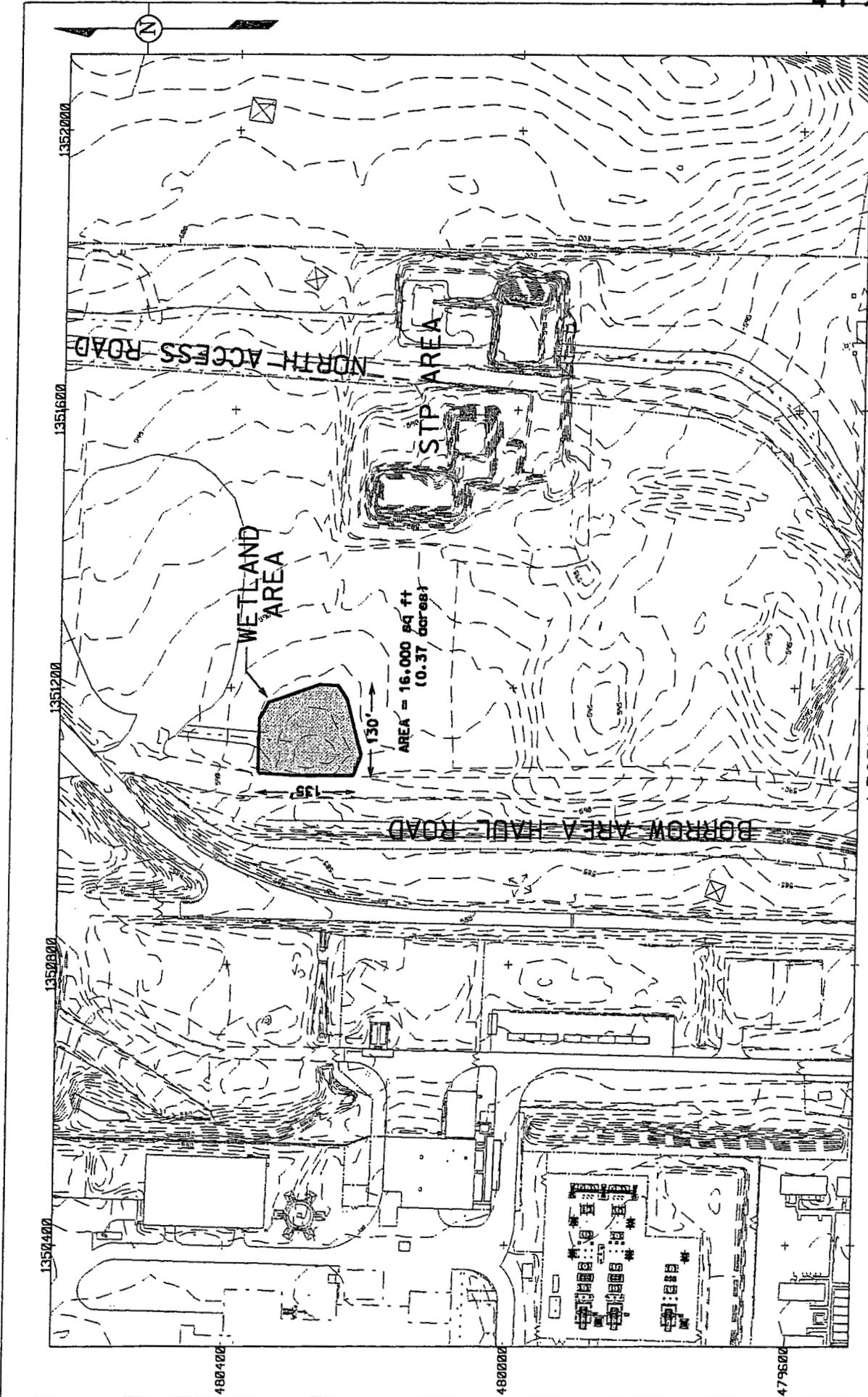
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