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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF: SR-6J

Mr. Johnny W. Reising
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Fernald Area Office
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Cincinnati, Ohio 45239-8705

Subject: Radon Control System Phase I Operation

Dear Mr. Reising:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has reviewed the above-referenced document, dated March 13, 2003 and received by U.S. EPA on March 17, 2003. The document describes the United States Department of Energy's (U.S. DOE) commitment for the proper testing of the Radon Control System (RCS) facility and training of the operators prior to initiating continuous Phase I operation, U.S. DOE's removal action goals and obligations under removal action #4, the date for the continuous operation and the proposed objectives for the next performance testing.

According to the document, U.S. DOE will begin continuous operation of the RCS during the week of May 19, 2003. Therefore, May 23, 2003 is an enforceable milestone under the 1991 Amended Consent Agreement for the start of RCS continuous operation. U.S. EPA expects that the RCS will be operated continuously subject only to outages or downtime required by equipment failure, maintenance, emergencies, interconnections with the Tank Transfer Area, or bridge equipment, or when an outage is needed to add equipment or features necessary to improve or optimize the function of the RCS. U.S. EPA also expects to be notified prior to any planned outages of the RCS and notified immediately about any unplanned outages. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (312) 886-4591.

Sincerely,

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