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RE: NRRP SCOPE

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Dear Mr. Griffiths:

This letter is in reply to Mr. Steve McCracken's March 12, 2003 letter, "Natural Resource Restoration Plan Scope." Ohio EPA has not reviewed the portion of a document attached to DOE's letter. The attachment included significant areas of missing text which appear to have been removed. Additionally, Ohio EPA has commented on the draft NRRP on numerous occasions previously. The most recent set of which were provided to DOE in November of 2001 and have not yet been replied to nor incorporated into a revised document. The Trustees have already agreed upon a Detailed Scope of Work that was finalized in 2000 and DOE reaffirmed its commitment to following this document in its March 30, 2001 letter to the Ohio EPA and USFWS. Therefore Ohio EPA does not believe it is productive at this point to review a portion of a document that has outstanding comments and hasn't been discussed in nearly two years. I apologize for the delay in delivering this response but I went on extended leave shortly after the letter was received by Ohio EPA.

In closing, it is Ohio EPA's understanding that DOE is currently re-evaluating its negotiating position on the Fernald NRD and awaiting some policy development by DOE HQ. Ohio EPA hopes that in the near future the Trustees can return to productive discussions and document development that will lead to an agreement on the restoration of the Fernald site.

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

Sincerely,

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