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Dear Mr. Harris:

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION FOR SUBMITTAL OF THE FERNALD CLOSURE PROJECT'S
RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT PART A/B PERMIT APPLICATION**

Reference: Letter, P. Harris, Ohio EPA to J. Craig, DOE-FEMP dated November 12, 1997

The purpose of this letter is to request an extension for submittal of the Fernald Closure Project's (FCP) Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Part A/B Permit Application Annual Update. The Annual Update is due to Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) by May 31, 2003 but we are requesting an extension to December 31, 2003.

This extension is requested due to the number of changes to hazardous waste facilities and site operations that will occur over the next several months. These changes will result in extensive revisions to the Part B Update. Specifically, these changes include: 1) the removal of all inventory from Plant 1 Pad (including the Tension Support Structures) and from the Pilot Plant Warehouse (Building 68) in preparation for Decontamination and Demolition (D&D) and excavation activities; 2) relocation of the hazardous waste storage lockers; 3) initiation of D&D activities at the Plant 8 Warehouse (Building 80) and the Butler Building (Building 56) which will result in the removal of these units from the Part B Update; 4) issuance of a contract for offsite emergency response support to replace current onsite response capabilities; 5) D&D of the TSCA bulk tanks; and 6) completion of closure activities for five Hazardous Waste Management Units (HWMUs).

In addition, the FCP is proposing to remove Section B (Facility Description) from the Part B Update. This section provides information on site conditions that are constantly changing. Other portions of Section B are addressed in more detail in other sections of the Part B Update. For example, information on site security, loading and unloading areas, and access roads are discussed in Section F - Procedures to Prevent Hazards, and fire control facilities are described in detail in Section G - Contingency Plan.

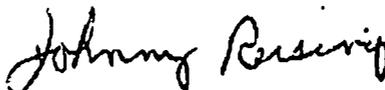
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