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Mr. Johnny W. Reising
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RE: Use of Scrapers in Area 3A/4A

Dear Mr. Reising:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has completed its review of the United States Department of Energy's (U.S. DOE) September 5, 2003, letter requesting the use of scrapers in the excavation of the remaining soil in area 3A/4A. It appears this approach may optimize the removal of soil and placement in the On-Site Disposal Facility (OSDF).

U.S. EPA concurs with the use of scrapers for the specific areas highlighted in the letter, and requests we revisit this issue with a lessons-learned discussion at the conclusion of the construction season.

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

Sincerely,

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