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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

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RE: General Characterization
for Sitewide Soil PSP

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) draft Project Specific Plan (PSP) for general characterization of sitewide soil remediation. This PSP presents data collection activities proposed to support pre-design, excavation control and pre-certification activities for those areas that have not been addressed in previous PSPs.

The PSP states that all work executed under this PSP will be performed under variances or field change notices. This is unacceptable. The current approach to addressing soil certification has performed well in the past and should continue. It is important that a simple and solid paper trail exists for all certification activities. U.S. DOE may use this document as a reference in the future, however, all future soil remediation/certification areas require a PSP to be submitted for formal regulator review. Also, those future documents may be required to present and/or reproduce similar information presented in this existing document.

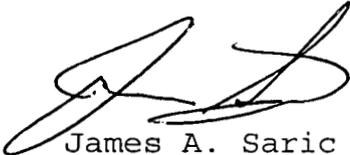
U.S. EPA is willing to allow U.S. DOE to use this document as a reference in the future, but recommends that the majority of the information be included in future PSPs. U.S. EPA also has specific comments on this PSP.

Therefore, U.S. EPA disapproves the general sitewide soil characterization PSP, and has enclosed comments on the document. U.S. DOE must submit responses to comments and a revised document within thirty (30) days receipt of this letter.

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Please contact me at (312) 886-0992 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



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