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RE: APPROVAL SECOND QUARTER 2003 RE-INJECTION OPERATING REPORT

Dear Mr.Griffiths:

This letter provides Ohio Environmental Protection Agency approval of the Second Quarter 2003 Re-injection Operating Report.

We note that re-injection did not occur for roughly one-third of the time during this reporting period. Re-injection did not occur at all during the first calender quarter of 2003. Cutting back re-injection allows treated water to be used to blend the effluent discharged to the Great Miami River to a concentration-based discharge limit. We note that any ct-backs to re-injection will increase the time needed to remediate the aquifer.

Should you have any questions, please contact Tom Ontko or me.

Sincerely,

For Thomas A. Schneider
Fernald Project Manager
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