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RE: General Characterization
 for Sitewide Soil PSP
 Revision

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) Responses to Comments (RTC) and revised Project Specific Plan (PSP) for general characterization of sitewide soil remediation. Also, U.S. EPA reviewed U.S. DOE's responses to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) comments on the revised PSP.

U.S. DOE has adequately addressed U.S. EPA's previous comments. However there were a few remaining issues which U.S. DOE has addressed in the RTC document presented to Ohio EPA.

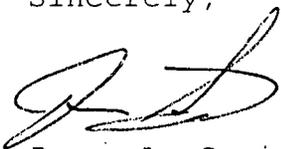
Therefore, U.S. EPA approves the general characterization of sitewide soil remediation PSP, pending receipt of a revised document incorporating U.S. DOE's responses to Ohio EPA comments. Any existing PSP that may require changes as a result of the modification to the general PSP should be resubmitted.

It remains U.S. EPA's position that although this general PSP may streamline the process, it may be better for future documentation tracking to include all of the information in a specific PSP rather than reference the general PSP. To aid in future document reviews whenever the general PSP is referenced, U.S. DOE should include specific section and/or page references.

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

Sincerely,



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