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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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RE: Closure Report Strategy

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) October 16, 2003, document presenting the strategy for submitting final and interim remedial action reports.

This document discusses the close out procedure documents to be prepared as required by National Priority List sites. It also proposes to only include the details of the groundwater remedy and the On-Site Disposal Facility in the remedial action report for Operable Unit (OU) 5. Meanwhile OUs 1, 2, 3, and 4 will address the specific sources of contamination. Using this approach U.S. DOE will submit Final Remedial Action reports for OUs 1, 2, 3, and 4; and will submit an Interim Remedial Action Report for OU 5.

This approach appears technically sound and complies with U.S. EPA's reporting requirements. The information outlined in the attachment for Remedial Action Report also appears to satisfy the requirements of the 1991 Amended Consent Agreement. Therefore, U.S. EPA concurs with the proposed close out reporting strategy.

It is U.S. EPA's position that this is a minor change in the reporting requirements, as all the necessary information will be presented as required. The information to be provided is being reformatted among the OUs. Therefore, to formalize this minor change U.S. DOE must develop a fact sheet covering all the OUs, detailing these changes and the components of the reporting requirements in each OU.

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

Sincerely,



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