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PATH FORWARD FOR THE SILO 3 PROJECT

- References:
- 1) Letter from OEPA, dated 5/10/04, Approval – Revised Transportation and Disposal Plan for the Silo 3 Project.
 - 2) Letter from U. S. EPA, dated 5/10/04, Approval – Revised Transportation and Disposal Plan for the Silo 3 Project

Based on the referenced letters from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) the Department of Energy (DOE) recommends the following path forward for the Silo 3 Project. Based on the risk posed by the current configuration of the Silo 3 material, the Department proposes to remove, process and package the material into Department of Transportation (DOT)- certified containers for monitored staging pending the resolution of the State of Nevada issues concerning disposal. The Department proposes to begin retrieval upon completion of startup testing and demonstrated safe operation of silo 3 retrieval and packaging systems, scheduled for the middle of June. The Department recognizes that regulatory concurrence with this path forward is desired prior to implementation and the appropriate regulatory processes must be followed. We request a response to this request by June 11, 2004.

Mr. Saric
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We are available to meet with you to discuss the details of the Silo 3 path forward at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,


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