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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

Mr. William J. Taylor
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RE: Path Forward for the Silo
3 Project

Dear Mr. Taylor:

This letter is notice that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) does not concur with the United States Department of Energy's (U.S. DOE) May 27, 2004, proposed path forward for the Silo 3 project.

As we explained in our May 10, 2004, letter, monitored staging of processed Silo 3 material would be inconsistent with the Silo 3 Record of Decision (ROD). Therefore, unless and until it becomes clear that the Silo 3 ROD cannot be implemented, U.S. EPA believes that it is premature to consider alternatives to the Silo 3 ROD.

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

Sincerely,

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