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Dear Mr. Epstein:

**SUBMITTAL OF THE 2003-2004 ANNUAL REPORT OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES
 AT THE FERNALD CLOSURE PROJECT**

In accordance with the Programmatic Agreement among the United States Department of Energy, Fernald Closure Project (DOE-FCP), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the Ohio Historic Preservation Office regarding Archaeological Investigations at the FCP, signed March 6, 1997, the 2003-2004 Annual Report of Archaeological Activities conducted at the FCP is being submitted.

During the time period of June 2003 to June 2004, no archaeological investigations were conducted at the FCP to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and 36 CFR 800, "Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties:"

- Monitoring of all FCP Projects continued under 36 CFR 800.11, "Properties discovered during implementation of an undertaking."
- Unexpected discoveries were evaluated for "Areas of potential effects," Section 800.2 (c).

No effects of Cultural Resources (i.e., archaeological) were recorded in the reporting year.

DOE provides reports on archaeological investigations in compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA, and 36 CFR 800. The above mentioned Programmatic Agreement provides the DOE Cultural Resource Manager at the Fernald facility with the authority to allow projects at the facility to proceed when cultural resource investigations determine that a given site is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

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Sincerely,


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