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**RESPONSE TO COMMENTS ON THE OPERABLE UNIT 3 REMEDIAL DESIGN  
PRIORITIZATION AND SEQUENCING REPORT**

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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

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- Reference(s):
1. Letter, T. Schneider to J. Craig, "DOE FEMP MSL #531-0297 OU3 PSR - Conditional Approval", dated July 14, 1995.
  2. Letter, J. Craig to J. Saric and T. Schneider, "Budget Scenarios", dated March 22, 1995.

The purpose of this letter is to respond to your concerns expressed in your July 14, 1995, letter regarding the prioritization of decontamination and dismantling (D&D) of the Pilot Plant Complex in the Operable Unit 3 (OU3) Remedial Design Prioritization and Sequencing Report (PSR) (see Reference 1). The PSR dismantlement schedule shows the remediation of the Pilot Plant Complex starting in 2019, based largely on the previously anticipated trend of limited site funding and other site remediation priorities. However, the Department of Energy (DOE) is currently pursuing an accelerated remediation scenario (i.e., the \$276 million case), where the dismantlement of the Pilot Plant Complex would be scheduled to start in 1999 based upon availability of funds. With the pursuit of this accelerated remediation scenario, the incremental increase to groundwater contamination by the Pilot Plant Complex would be negligible (per the Operable Unit 5 (OU5) Remedial Investigation Report and as discussed in Reference 2). Furthermore, this contamination would not migrate to off-site receptors over the four year span prior to remediation (as per OU5 Remedial Investigation Report and as discussed in Reference 2). The other significant threat, direct contact, from the Pilot plant Complex is controlled through administrative and engineering controls (e.g., access control, personal protective equipment, etc.).

As discussed in Section 4.1 of the PSR, the development of the dismantlement sequence focused primarily on the need to clear an upgrade area to support OU5 soil remediation and to accommodate the On-Property Disposal Facility.

If you have any questions, please contact Anand Shah at (513) 648-3146.

Sincerely,



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