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**RE: APPROVAL - PSP FOR CHARACTERIZATION OF SUBSURFACE SOILS  
BENEATH THE AREA 7 TTA**

Dear Mr. Taylor:

This letter provides approval of the "Project Specific Plan for Characterization of Subsurface Soils Beneath the Area 7 Transfer Tank Area" submitted on July 16, 2004. While Ohio EPA approves of this plan as a general planning tool for DOE, the sampling conducted under this plan will not be sufficient to prove that no further remediation is necessary once the TTA and adjacent treatment facilities are removed. At that time, sampling will need to be completed to determine whether operations conducted at the facilities after this sampling event occurs have effected the conditions under the TTA. Also, please provide clarification of the final disposition of the wastes generated from the drilling process (i.e., removal and disposition from the basin).

Should you have any questions, please contact Kelly Kaletsky, Michelle Waller or me.

Sincerely,

for  
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