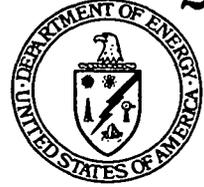




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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

REVISION TO DOE-0333-99, IDENTIFICATION OF THE TRAP RANGE AS A NEW WETLAND AREA AT FERNALD ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Reference: Letter, J. Reising to J. A. Saric, U.S. EPA and T. Schneider, OEPA, "Identification of the Trap Range as a New Wetland Area at the Fernald Environmental Management Project," dated February 12, 1999 (DOE-0333-99)

The purpose of this letter is to provide a revision to the enclosed referenced DOE-0333-99 letter.

A site-wide wetland delineation of the Fernald site was conducted in 1992 and 1993, and was approved by the Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District Office, in August 1993. This delineation identified 35.9 acres of on-property jurisdictional wetlands at the Fernald site. Since the approval of the wetland delineation, another on-property wetland area has developed at the site.

This newly formed wetland area is located in the east field within the former Trap Range. On June 25, 1998, this area was evaluated and determined to be a wetland using the three parameters (hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and hydrology) outlined in the 1987 Army Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual.

Dredge and/or fill activities within this area will be conducted under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) process and will be subjected to the substantive requirements of Sections 404 and 401 of the Clean Water Act. These activities will be performed in compliance with substantive permitting and

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regulatory requirements mandated under wetland applicable, relevant and appropriate requirements which were identified in various Operable Unit Records of Decision (ROD). A permit information summary was prepared and will be submitted under separate cover. Impacts to this wetland area will be compensated through our wetland mitigation plan, which has been developed as part of our comprehensive Natural Resource Restoration Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathleen Nickel at (513) 648-3166.

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A site-wide wetland delineation of the Fernald site was conducted in 1992 and 1993, and was approved by the Army Corps of Engineers, Louisville District Office, in August 1993. This delineation identified 35.9 acres of on-property jurisdictional wetlands at the Fernald site. Since the approval of the wetland delineation, another on-property wetland area has developed at the site.

This newly formed wetland area was located south of the Sewage Treatment Plant in the East Field and was within the Trap Range. However, this area was removed as part of Area 1, Phase II (A1P2) remediation in the Fall of 1998. On June 25, 1998, the wetland area was evaluated using the three parameters (hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and hydrology) outlined in the 1987 Army Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual.

To meet the substantive requirements of Sections 404 and 401 of the Clean Water Act, dredge and/or fill activities within this area will be conducted under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) process. These activities were performed in compliance with substantive permitting and regulatory requirements mandated under wetland applicable, relevant and appropriate requirements which were identified in various Operable Unit Records of Decision (ROD). A permit information summary was prepared and will be submitted under separate cover. Impacts to this wetland area will be compensated through our wetland mitigation plan, which has been developed as part of our comprehensive Natural Resource Restoration Plan.

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