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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD  
CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Mr. Johnny W. Reising  
United States Department of Energy  
Fernald Closure Project  
175 Tri-County Parkway  
Springdale, Ohio 45246

SR-6J

RE: OSDF Cell 7 Initiation of  
Material Placement

Dear Mr. Reising:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has completed its review of the United States Department of Energy's (U.S. DOE) September 9, 2004, letter requesting concurrence for the initiation of impacted material placement in the On-Site Disposal Facility (OSDF) Cell 7. The valve house and liner system, as well as the leak location survey have been successfully completed. U.S. DOE has also submitted the construction certification report developed by their consultant GeoSyntec.

The report appears technically adequate and is consistent with similar documents for the previous OSDF cells. Therefore, U.S. EPA concurs with the initiation of impacted material placement in Cell 7 of the OSDF.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Saric".

James A. Saric  
Remedial Project Manager  
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SFD Remedial Response Branch #2

cc: Tom Schneider, OEPA-SWDO  
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