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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

TRANSMITTAL OF THE DRAFT GROUNDWATER REMEDY CERTIFICATION STRATEGY, OPERABLE UNIT 5, AQUIFER RESTORATION AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT, FERNALD CLOSURE PROJECT

The purpose of this letter is to transmit the Draft Groundwater Remedy Certification Strategy report for Operable Unit 5, Aquifer Restoration and Wastewater Treatment at the Fernald Closure Project, for your agency's review as a Draft document as a starting point for the purpose of initiating discussion between our organizations on this subject. Recent interactions with your agency, have expressed an interest to begin this subject discussion.

Groundwater certification approaches were considered in the Fall of 2003 during the development of the Comprehensive Groundwater Strategy Report, however, at that time it was jointly agreed to concentrate our efforts on completing the Converted Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant modifications. During this time, the Groundwater Remedy and Field Verification Plan has completed further development of aquifer restoration approaches under consideration. Also, the Integrated Environmental Monitoring Program is available as a key document to formally track the approach for determining how the aquifer remedy will be certified.

The enclosed Draft report can be used to guide our dialogue at the upcoming Technical Information Exchange meeting scheduled for May 31, 2005.

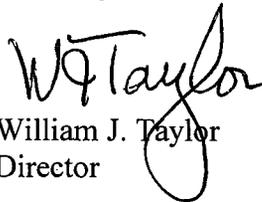
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If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Dave Lojek at (513) 648-3127.

Sincerely,


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