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Dear Mr. Epstein:

SUBMITTAL OF THE 2004-2005 ANNUAL REPORT OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES AT THE FERNALD CLOSURE PROJECT

Reference: Letter, Dave Snyder to Ed Skintik, reference "Sanitary Outfall Line,"
Dated August 5, 2004

In accordance with the Programmatic Agreement among the United States Department of Energy (DOE), Fernald Office, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the Ohio Historic Preservation Office regarding Archaeological Investigations at the Fernald Closure Project (FCP), signed March 6, 1997, the 2004–2005 Annual Report of Archaeological Activities conducted at the FCP is being submitted.

During the time period of June 2004 to June 2005 no archaeological investigations were conducted at the FCP to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and 36 CFR 800, "Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties." Archaeological activities were limited to:

- Monitoring of all FCP Projects continued under 36 CFR 800.11, "Properties discovered during implementation of an undertaking."

Evaluation of unexpected discoveries for "Areas of potential effects," Section 800.2 (c).

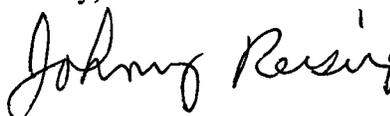
A foundation was discovered on the west side of Paddys Run, just east of Paddys Run Road. Employees removed the soil, using mechanical means, to expose the surface. An archaeologist from Gray and Pape, Inc. was called in to look at the foundation. His observations indicated that the foundation pre-dated the construction of the Fernald Facility. No excavation work is planned for that area, so the site will not be disturbed by remediation activities. No formal cultural resource survey was conducted.

Monitoring of the Abandoned Outfall Line project was conducted during excavation of the old pipe (Reference). The soils around the pipeline had been previously disturbed, but there were important archaeological sites on each side of the outfall line. Archaeologists from Gray and Pape, Inc. were present during excavation activities to ensure adjacent cultural resources were not impacted. The monitoring of the project revealed no archaeological resources in the footprint of the project and confirmed no impacts to adjacent archaeological sites. No further investigations were necessary.

No effects of Cultural Resources (i.e., archaeological) were recorded in the reporting year.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Ed Skintik at (513) 246-1369.

Sincerely,


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