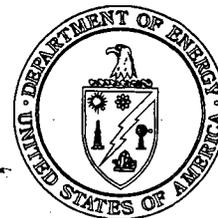




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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

GROUNDWATER RE-INJECTION INFRASTRUCTURE

Per our discussion at the Groundwater Certification meeting in Dayton on Thursday, August 4 2005, DOE is proceeding with plans to remove the 50,000-gallon re-injection tank and the fencing, instrumentation, and controls at each re-injection wellhead. The re-injection wells will remain as monitoring points in the stagnation zone that is present between the South Field pumping wells and the South Plume pumping wells. The re-injection wells could also serve as potential future extraction wells in the stagnation zone, should pumping within the stagnation zone be required to address contamination in that area.

As we have discussed on several occasions during the past few years, the long-term benefits of continuing re-injection via the existing wells do not appear to justify the cost. DOE is proceeding with testing passive re-injection via the Storm Sewer Outfall Ditch. If the results of that testing are favorable, DOE will proceed with adding passive re-injection as an enhancement to the Site's groundwater remedy.

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Sincerely,


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