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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

**TRANSMITTAL OF THE RESPONSE TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY COMMENT ON THE DRAFT CERTIFICATION REPORT
FOR AREA 6E**

- References:
- 1) Letter DOE-0044-07, J. Reising to J. Saric/T. Schneider, "Transmittal of the Draft Certification Report for Area 6E," dated November 9, 2006
 - 2) Letter, J. Saric to J. Reising, "Area 6E Certification Report," dated November 29, 2006

Enclosed for your review and approval is the response to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency comment on the draft Certification Report for Area 6E. Upon receipt and approval of all comments, the responses will be incorporated into the final report.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (513) 648-3139.

Sincerely,

Johnny W. Reising
Director

Enclosure

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**RESPONSE TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY TECHNICAL REVIEW
COMMENT ON THE
DRAFT CERTIFICATION REPORT
FOR AREA 6E**

**FERNALD CLOSURE PROJECT
FERNALD, OHIO**

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**RESPONSE TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMENT ON THE
DRAFT CERTIFICATION REPORT FOR AREA 6E
(20600-RP-0012, REVISION A)**

SPECIFIC COMMENT

Commenting Organization: U.S. EPA

Commentor: Saric

Section #: 1.5

Page #: 1-2

Line #: 15 and 16

Original Specific Comment #: 1

Comment: The text states Area 6E consists of 18 certification units (CU) and 6 utility trench CUs. The text should be revised to state that Area 6E consists of 21 CUs and 3 utility trench CUs.

Response: Agree that the text is incorrect. There are only 3 utility trench certification units. However, there are only 19 other certification units for a total of 22 certification units. The text will be revised to reflect the correct number of certification units.

Action: The text will be rewritten to state "... *for the 19 CUs that make up the Area 6E and the three CUs that comprise samples collected from the bottom of utility trenches.*"

**RESPONSE TO THE
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(20810-PSP-0011, Revision A)**

SPECIFIC COMMENTS

Commenting Organization: U.S. EPA

Commentor: Saric

Section #: Executive Summary

Page #: 1-2

Line #: 21

Original Specific Comment #: 1

Comment: The text states that field sampling is scheduled to begin immediately following issuance of the document. However, the schedule provided in Section 5.0 indicates that sampling activities are complete. The text and schedule should be revised to resolve this discrepancy.

Response: Agree. The executive summary text was incorrect. This text will be replaced by verbiage used in recently approved certification design letters.

Action: Remove the text that references starting sampling after issuance of the document and replace it with the following:

“Prior to submission of this document, the basic sampling information was informally submitted to the agencies for discussion. After revisions to the certification unit (CU) design and Target Analyte Lists based on comments received, sampling activities for Area 6E were begun.

Upon completion of the certification activities described in the final version of this document as approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, a Certification Report will be issued.”