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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:
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Mr. Johnny W. Reising
United States Department of Energy
Fernald Closure Project
175 Tri-County Parkway
Springdale, Ohio 45246

RE: A9 P3 AOL Part Two

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) Area 9 Phase 3 (A9 P3) Abandoned Outfall Line (AOL) Part Two Excavation Plan, Certification Design Letter, and Project Specific Plan (PSP) for certification sampling. Further, U.S. DOE submitted a supplement for the excavation plan. These documents describe the excavation approach for the AOL and structure along the west bank of the Great Miami River.

This excavation has been completed and there have been several meetings and numerous discussions regarding this activity. Therefore, U.S. EPA approves the above-referenced documents, as the completed excavation and the approach to the remaining work appears technically adequate.

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

Sincerely,

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