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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Subject: Conditional Approval of the Draft Explanation of Significant Differences For Operable Unit 4

Dear Mr. Reising:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed its review of United States Department of Energy's (DOE) above-mentioned draft Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) document, dated October 26, 2004 and received by EPA on November 1, 2004. The draft ESD was prepared by DOE to modify the approved remedy for OU4 to allow the option for temporary offsite storage of Silo 1,2, and 3 materials, prior to permanent offsite disposal at the Nevada Test Site or a permitted commercial disposal facility.

EPA has one editorial comment on the draft ESD (attached) that needs to be addressed, therefore, EPA conditionally approves the ESD. DOE should address the editorial comment for full approval and prior to issuance of the draft ESD for formal public review.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (312) 886-4591.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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