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Re: **Response to Comments: Operable Unit 4 Complex Silo 3 Implementation Plan
for Above-Grade Decontamination and Dismantlement**

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Ohio EPA has reviewed the document "Response to Comments: Operable Unit 4 Complex Silo 3 Implementation Plan for Above-Grade Decontamination and Dismantlement," received on October 15, 2004. After review, we find the response to comments adequate and therefore approve this document.

However, because this document is being submitted before the operation of the Silo 3 remediation project, Ohio EPA requests DOE revisit and, if necessary, resubmit this document after initiation of operation when a more complete picture of the decontamination and dismantlement issues are available.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (937) 285-6466.

Sincerely,

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