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Ohio Field Office
Fernald Closure Project
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RE: APPROVAL - CERTIFICATION REPORT FOR AREA 3A AND AREA 3B

Mr. Taylor:

Ohio EPA has reviewed DOE's "Transmittal of the Final Certification Report For Area 3A and Area 3B" submitted on February 8, 2005. The letter requests that within our final approval we confirm our concurrence of the completion of all the field activities required to achieve closure of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Hazardous Waste Management Unit (HWMU) # 20 (Plant 1 Pad). The Division of Hazardous Waste Management has reviewed the Certification Report and concurs that no additional field activities (soil excavation and sampling) are required for this unit. As indicated in your letter, formal closure certification for this unit and numerous other HWMUs will come through approval of the OU5 Interim Remedial Action Report.

Ohio EPA approves the report as certifying the areas met the FRLs at the time the samples were collected. Ohio EPA reserves the right to re-examine the certification status of the relevant property areas, if in the opinion of Ohio EPA, the areas have been subjected to re-contamination by airborne releases, contaminated storm water run-on or any similar mechanism.

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

Sincerely,



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