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Mr. William Taylor  
US Department of Energy  
Ohio Field Office  
Fernald Closure Project  
175 Tri County Parkway  
Springdale, Ohio 45246

**RE: APPROVAL AQUIFER REMEDY EVALUATION AND VERIFICATION PLAN**

Mr. Taylor:

Ohio EPA has reviewed DOE's "Transmittal of Responses to Comments on the Revised Groundwater Remedy Evaluation and Field Verification Plan for the Aquifer Restoration Wastewater Project at the Fernald Closure Project" submitted on February 14, 2005. Based upon this review and the March 8, 2005 technical meeting, Ohio EPA approves the document. Ohio EPA approves discharge of clean groundwater from construction well 42202 into the SSOD as part of evaluating improvement of a CERCLA groundwater remedy.

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

Sincerely,

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