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Mr. William Taylor
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RE: APPROVAL - SHUT DOWN AWWT PHASE I & II

Mr. Taylor:

Ohio EPA has reviewed DOE's "Notification of Permanent Shut Down of the AWWT Phases I and II, Aquifer Restoration Wastewater Project at Fernald Closure Project" submitted on February 24, 2005. As expressed in the January 20, 2005 meeting, Ohio EPA has continuing concerns regarding the status of project remediation relative to that predicted when original plans for implementing shutdown were presented to the agencies. Ohio EPA approves the proposed shut down, but expects DOE and Fluor Fernald will take all appropriate measures to ensure stormwater is adequately managed such that no overflow of the stormwater retention basins to Paddys Run occurs. Additionally, following the completion of soil remediation and associated storm water management, it will be necessary to focus the CAAWWT operations on optimizing the groundwater remedy to ensure the quickest possible remediation of the aquifer.

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

Sincerely,

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