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FILE: 6446.2 REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Mr. Johnny W. Reising
 United States Department of Energy
 Fernald Closure Project
 175 Tri-County Parkway
 Springdale, Ohio 45246

RE: OU 1 Completion
 Milestone Extension

Dear Mr. Reising:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has completed its review of the United States Department of Energy's (U.S. DOE) May 20, 2005, letter requesting an extension for the project completion milestone for Operable Unit (OU) 1 from May 31, 2005 to December 31, 2005.

U.S. DOE has completed excavation of the final Waste Pit materials and those materials will be loaded into rail cars on May 27, 2005. Due to the increased density and volume of Waste Pit materials, the total volume of materials encountered during the project increased from an estimated 626,499 tons to 970,000 tons. This has delayed the Decontamination and Dismantlement of all OU 1 above-ground structures. Overall, the project has proceeded extremely well during its eight year history, despite the increased volume of materials encountered. Therefore, U.S. EPA concurs with U.S. DOE's extension request.

Please contact me at (312) 886-0992 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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