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Mr. William Taylor  
US Dept of Energy  
Ohio Field Office  
Fernald Closure Project  
175 Tri County Parkway  
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**RE: REMOVAL OF VISIBLE PROCESS WASTE FROM WASTE PITS**

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Ohio EPA has reviewed DOE's "Completion of Removal of Visible Process Waste Materials from Footprints of the Waste Pits" receive on May 25, 2005. Ohio EPA disagrees with DOE's assertions regarding the May 16, 2005 walkdown demonstrating no process waste remains. The visible residues/staining on the berm of pit 3 and the debris on the bottom of the pits in various locations demonstrate that waste remains to be remediated. Additionally, it brings into question how debris could remain at such depths, if as DOE suggests, the excavation is multiple feet below the pit liners. Ohio EPA can not envision a well managed excavation process that would result in debris being pushed/drug down multiple feet below the depth of placement. Obviously, waste material remains that must be addressed by the waste pit remediation process.

Despite Ohio EPA's belief that the Material Handling Building provides the safest and most efficient method for the on-going loading of rail cars for off-site disposal of above WAC soils/debris, we concur that the requirement for use of the building is no longer present.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (937) 285-6466.

Sincerely,

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