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

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RE: Area 6 Waste Pits and General
 Area Excavation Plan RTC

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) Responses to Comments (RTC) on the draft excavation plan for the Area 6 waste pits and general area.

The RTC have adequately addressed U.S. EPA's previous comments. Therefore, U.S. EPA approves the RTC. U.S. DOE must submit a revised document within thirty (30) days receipt of this letter.

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

Sincerely,

James A. Saric
 Remedial Project Manager
 Federal Facilities Section
 SFD Remedial Response Branch #2

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