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Mr. William Taylor
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Ohio Field Office
Fernald Closure Project
175 Tri-County Parkway
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**RE: RTC- EXCAVATION CONTROL AND PRECERTIFICATION FOR AREA 7
SILOS AND GENERAL AREA**

Mr. Taylor:

Ohio EPA has reviewed DOE's "Transmittal of Responses to Comments on the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Comments on the Draft Project Specific Plan for Excavation Control and Precertification Area 7 Silos And General Area" dated August 18, 2005. Ohio EPA approves these Responses to Comments.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Michelle Waller.

Sincerely,

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Fernald Project Manager
Office of Federal Facilities Oversight

cc: Jim Saric, U.S. EPA
Michelle Cullerton, Tetra Tech EM Inc.