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**RE: DISAPPROVAL - REVISED REAL-TIME HOT SPOT PROTOCOL**

Mr. Taylor:

Ohio EPA has received DOE's *Revised Protocol for Real-Time Hotspot Assessment* dated August 24, 2005. Ohio EPA maintains that the proposed changes are unacceptable and unnecessary at this point in the remediation process. The approved method has been successfully used throughout the site. Making the process less rigorous in one of the sites most contaminated areas, simply for the sake of expediency, is not acceptable to Ohio EPA. Such a proposal, only reinforces others concerns regarding a lowering of remediation quality as DOE and Fluor Fernald's schedule deadlines approach.

If there are any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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