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RE: \_\_\_\_\_  
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: Areas 3A/4A Groundwater  
Extraction Wells

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) January 5, 2005, letter presenting the results of direct-push groundwater sampling results in Areas 3A/4A. Groundwater samples were tested for total uranium and technetium-99. These data were collected to determine if additional groundwater remedy infrastructure is required in Areas 3A/4A to support site closure in 2006. Based on the data it is U.S. DOE's position that there is no need for additional groundwater extraction wells in Areas 3A/4A to support aquifer restoration.

U.S. EPA has reviewed the data and conclusions provided in the report and concurs with U.S. DOE's assessment that no additional groundwater extraction wells are necessary in Areas 3A/4A.

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

Sincerely,

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