



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
REGION 5  
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD  
CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

April 5, 2005

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

SR-6J

RE: Area 6 Excavation Control Plan

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) draft excavation control plan for the Area 6 former Production Area. This plan describes the data collection activities in the remaining portions of the northern and eastern part of the former Production Area.

The excavation plan appears technically adequate and is consistent with similar documents. Therefore U.S. EPA approves the excavation control plan for Area 6.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Saric".

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

cc: Tom Schneider, OEPA-SWDO  
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