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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF: 6446.6

April 13, 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 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 plan for the Area 6 former Production Area. This plan describes the excavation 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 plan for Area 6.

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

Sincerely,

James A. Saric
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SFD Remedial Response Branch #2

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