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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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

SR-6J

RE: Area 6 Waste Pits and General
 Area 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 Project Specific Plan (PSP) for excavation control and precertification of Area 6 Waste Pits and the general area. The PSP data collection activities necessary to support excavation control and precertification activities within the Waste Pits and the general area.

The excavation control and precertification PSP appears technically adequate and is consistent with similar documents. Therefore U.S. EPA approves the PSP for excavation control and precertification of Area 6 Waste Pits and the general area.

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

Sincerely,

James A. Saric
 Remedial Project Manager
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