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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

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RE: A7 Excavation Control and
 Precertification RTC

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) Responses to Comments (RTC) for the Area 7 Silos and general area draft Project Specific Plan (PSP) for excavation control and Precertification.

The RTC have adequately addressed U.S. EPA's previous comments. Therefore, U.S. EPA approves the RTC. U.S. DOE must submit a revised document within thirty (30) days receipt of this letter.

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

Sincerely,

James A. Saric
 Remedial Project Manager
 Federal Facilities Section
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cc: Tom Schneider, OEPA-SWDO
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