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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

Mr. Johnny W. Reising
 United States Department of Energy
 Fernald Closure Project
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SR-6J

RE: IEMP Site Boundary Air
 Monitor Reductions

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) letter regarding the approach for the reduction of site boundary air monitors in the Integrated Environmental Monitoring Plan (IEMP).

The document clearly discusses path forward for reduction of site boundary air monitors. The proposed reductions in air monitors to occur on December 20, 2005, are acceptable. However, given the uncertainty regarding remedial project completion, U.S. EPA can not concur with the proposed air monitor reductions in 2006. The request to eliminate those air monitors must be submitted on a case-by-case basis in 2006 when the anticipated remedial work has been completed at that time.

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

Sincerely,

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