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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: Silo 3 Contingency Action

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) November 22, 2005, letter regarding the implementation of a contingent remedy for removal of the remaining portion of Silo 3 materials. A significant portion of the remaining Silo 3 materials appears to have a higher moisture content than anticipated. U.S. DOE's proposed approach to directly remove this material via an enclosed cab, front-end loader provides a viable third option for waste removal. This approach is technically adequate and can be implemented in a safe and effective manner.

Therefore, U.S. EPA approves the proposed Silo contingency action for waste removal and shipping to Envirocare of Utah. The fact sheet should be distributed to the public and a presentation made at the next public meeting to make stakeholders aware of this change.

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

Sincerely,

James A. Saric  
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cc: Tom Schneider, OEPA-SWDO  
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