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FILE: _____ 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: A8 Phase 3 Natural Resource
 Restoration Project

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) Area 8, Phase 3 (Paddys Run West) natural resource restoration project.

Although the report appears technically adequate this report is supposed to document completion of the natural resource restoration project in Paddys Run West. However, the text states that some tree seedlings will be planted in December 2005 with mortality counts to be conducted in spring/summer 2006. Until all tree seedlings are planted, the natural resource restoration project is not complete. The text should be revised to state that a final report will be submitted when all tree seedlings in Paddys Run West are planted.

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

Sincerely,

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 Remedial Project Manager
 Federal Facilities Section
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