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U. S. Department of Energy
Ohio Field Office
Fernald Closure Project
175 Tri-County Parkway
Springdale, Ohio 45246

RE: Approval - Certification Report for Area 4B - Part One

Dear Mr. Reising:

Ohio EPA has reviewed DOE's November 22, 2005 submittal on the "Transmittal of the Draft Certification Report for Area 4B - Part One". Based on our review of the document, Ohio EPA has concluded that the technical approach for addressing soils impacted by hazardous waste activities associated with HWMU-4, HWMU-18, HWMU-28, HWMU-46, HWMU-47, HWMU-49, HWMU-50 is acceptable to Ohio EPA. Please note that final approval and subsequent certification of integrated closure activities performed to address these units remains dependent upon: 1) the outcome of our evaluation of whether groundwater has been impacted by these units, and: 2) whether limitations on future land use at the site are relied upon by DOE to demonstrate that the closure performance standard (OAC 3745-66-11) will be achieved.

Ohio EPA approves the report as certifying the areas met the FRLs at the time the samples were collected. Ohio EPA reserves the right to reexamine the certification status of the relevant property areas, if in the opinion of Ohio EPA, the areas have been subjected to re-contamination by airborne releases, contaminated storm water run-on or any similar mechanism.

Should you have any questions, please contact Michelle Waller or me.

Sincerely,

Michelle Waller
for

Thomas A. Schneider
Fernald Project Manager
Office of Federal Facilities Oversight

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