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Mr. Johnny Reising
US Department of Energy
Ohio Field Office
Fernald Closure Project
175 TriCounty Parkway
Springdale, Ohio 45246**RE: APPROVAL - CERTIFICATION REPORT FOR A6 WASTE PITS 4, 5, AND 6**

Mr. Reising:

Ohio EPA has received DOE's "Transmittal Of The Certification Report For Area 6 Waste Pits 4, 5, And 6 (20600-RP-0006) Rev A " dated on February 28, 2006.

Based on our review, we've concluded that the technical approach for addressing soils impacted by hazardous waste activities associated with HWMU-27, and HWMU-42 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.

If there are any questions, please contact me or Michelle Waller.

Sincerely,

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cc: Jim Saric, U.S. EPA