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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: A7 Final Excavation Plans for  
Support and Silos Process Area  
and Revised PSP

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) final excavation plan for the Area 7 support and Silos process area and revised project specific plan for the excavation control and precertification of Area 7 support and Silos process area.

The documents have adequately addressed U.S. EPA's previous comments and appear technically acceptable. Therefore, U.S. EPA approves the above-referenced documents.

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

Sincerely,

James A. Saric  
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Federal Facilities Section  
SFD Remedial Response Branch #2

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