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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Mr. Johnny W. Reising
United States Department of Energy
Fernald Closure Project
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SR-6J

RE: Groundwater Certification Report
Revision 1, Final

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) Fernald groundwater certification report Revision 1, final. This document was revised to incorporate several comments and changes requested by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OhioEPA).

The plan adequately incorporates OhioEPA's comments and reflects discussions and decisions made in past meetings. Further the document appears technically sound and is consistent with U.S. EPA guidance.

Therefore, U.S. EPA approves the Fernald groundwater certification report final report. U.S. EPA requests that U.S. DOE submit six copies of the final document for future distribution throughout our Agency.

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

Sincerely,

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