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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

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 Silos and general area and the project specific plan for the excavation control and precertification of Area 7 Silos and general area.

The documents have adequately addressed U.S. EPA's previous comments. Therefore, U.S. EPA approves the final excavation plan for the Area 7 Silos and general area and the project specific plan for the excavation control and precertification of Area 7 Silos and general area.

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

Sincerely,

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SFD Remedial Response Branch #2

cc: Tom Schneider, OEPA-SWDO  
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