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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Mr. Johnny W. Reising
United States Department of Energy
Fernald Closure Project
175 Tri-County Parkway
Springdale, Ohio 45246

RE: Outside Historical Radiological
Areas Certification Report RTC

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) Responses to Comments (RTC) on the draft certification report for the various areas outside of the historically radiologically controlled area.

The RTC have adequately addressed U.S. EPA's previous comments. Therefore, U.S. EPA approves the RTC. However, U.S. DOE must submit a final certification report for the various areas outside of the historically radiologically controlled area for formal U.S. EPA review.

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

Sincerely,

James A. Saric
Remedial Project Manager
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SFD Remedial Response Branch #2

cc: Tom Schneider, OEPA-SWDO
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