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

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF: SR-6J

RE: Concrete Structures in Area 6 and 7
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 selected Area 6 and Area 7 concrete structures and concrete structures in the radon control system and Silo 3 project area.

The RTC have adequately addressed U.S. EPA's previous comments. Therefore, U.S. EPA approves the RTC. U.S. DOE must submit a final certification report for selected Area 6 and Area 7 concrete structures and concrete structures in the radon control system and Silo 3 project area for formal U.S. EPA review.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James A. Saric".

James A. Saric
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cc: Tom Schneider, OEPA-SWDO
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