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Mr. Johnny Reising
US Department of Energy
Ohio Field Office
Fernald Closure Project
175 Tri County Parkway
Springdale, Ohio 45246

Re: DOE-FEMP (OH6890008976) Final Closure

Dear Mr. Reising:

On December 20, 2007, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency received the Interim Remedial Action Report (RAR) for Operable Unit 5 (OU5) at the Fernald Environmental Management Project (FEMP) from the United States Department of Energy (DOE). Consistent with the 1996 Director's Final Findings and Orders (DFFO) and subsequent pertinent correspondence from Ohio EPA, the OU5 RAR contains the closure certification for the following units:

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| HWMU # 1 | Fire Training Facility |
| HWMU # 4 | Drum Storage Area Near Lab Loading Dock |
| HWMU # 5 | Drum Storage Area South of W-26 |
| HWMU # 11 | Tank Farm Sump |
| HWMU # 17 | Plant 8 East Pad |
| HWMU # 18 | Plant 8 West Pad |
| HWMU # 20 | Plant 1 Pad |
| HWMU # 22 | Abandoned Sump West of Pilot Plant |
| HWMU # 27 | Waste Pit 4 |
| HWMU # 28 | Trane Incinerator |
| HWMU # 36 | Storage Pad North of Plant 6 |
| HWMU # 41 | Sludge Drying Beds |
| HWMU # 42 | Waste Pit 5 |
| HWMU # 46-50 | UNH Tanks |

Ohio EPA conducted reviews of project completion reports documenting closure activities at each of these HWMUs, and on August 17, 2007, Tom Ontko from Ohio EPA's Southwest District Office conducted a site inspection. Based on this inspection and the review of reports, Ohio EPA has determined that DOE-FEMP has closed the specified HWMUs consistent with the DFFO and according to the Operable Unit 5 Remedial Design/Remedial Action Work Plan as approved by Ohio EPA.

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Also consistent with the DFFO, the OU5 RAR certifies that the HWMUs encompassed by Operable Units 1, 3 and 5 have been closed and the contaminated media in Operable Unit 5 have been managed, all in accordance with the final Record of Decisions and the Director's closure performance standards. Ohio EPA acknowledges that U.S. DOE has met the Director's closure performance standard, and has therefore complied with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rules 3745-66-11(A) and (B), and 3745-66-11(C) as applicable, for all HWMUs identified in Attachments A and B to the 1996 DFFO. DOE has certified and Ohio EPA acknowledges the completion of final closure of the facility per OAC 3745-66-15.

If you have any questions concerning the closure process or the status of the facility, please contact me at (937) 285-6079.

Sincerely,



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