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Ms. Jane Powell
Fernald Preserve Site Manager
DOE-LM-20.1
10995 Hamilton Cleves Highway
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RE: Fernald Preserve Administrative Record/Information Repository – Proposal to Transition to an On-Line Version

Dear Ms. Powell,

Thank you for your letter dated January 20, 2011, which describes how the Fernald Preserve on-line version of the Administrative Record will fulfill the requirements of CERCLA for retention of site records for viewing by the public.

EPA identified several questions and concerns that had to be addressed before EPA could approve of the elimination of the hard copy version of the Fernald Administrative Record and the transition to a computer-based on-line version. EPA has carefully reviewed and considered DOE's responses to these questions and concerns, and has determined that the on-line Administrative Record and Information Repository will meet the requirements and intent of applicable regulations and published guidance. EPA is satisfied that the access to site records by the public will be maintained, and that the on-line searchable database may even provide superior access to site records beyond the current hard copy files.

Therefore, EPA hereby concurs with DOE's request to transfer to an on-line version of the Fernald Administrative Record and Information Repository.

If you have any questions, please call me at (312) 886-5787.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Fischer", is written over the typed name.

Timothy J. Fischer
Remedial Project Manager

cc: Brian Barwick, EPA-ORC
Tom Schneider, Ohio EPA