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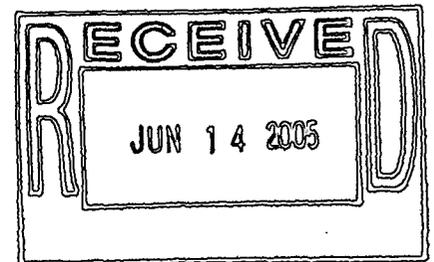
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Subject: No Further Accelerated Action (NFAA) Justification for Ash Pits PAC Reference Number(s) SW-133.1, SW-133.2, SW-133.4 and 1702 (dated June 11, 2003), NFAA Justification for Trench T-7 PAC Reference Number: NE 111.4 (dated May 21, 2003), NFAA Justification Trenches T-3 and T-4 PAC Reference Number: 111.1 (dated May 21, 2003)

Dear Mr. Legare:

This is in response to your letter dated June 29, 2003, requesting clarification on the letter from EPA dated June 12, 2003, regarding the subject documents. In the June 12, 2003, letter EPA provided it's approval of NFAA for the Ashpits, and Trenches T-3, T-4, and T-7. However, I added the caveat that additional ecological risk assessment work that needs to be done. I should have been more specific and stated that the EPA concerns are not related to the buried contents of the Ash Pits, Trenches T-3, T-4 or T-7. Rather our concern centers around the adequacy of characterization data for surface soils in the Woman Creek drainage. Given that at this time the RFCA parties have not yet finalized the preliminary remediation goals for the protection of ecological receptors, EPA cannot make a judgement as to whether the surface soils in and around the area in which the Ash Pits are located are properly characterized for the purpose of completing the ecological risk assessment.



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EPA looks forward to working with DOE in finalizing the necessary PRGs and in conducting any additional sampling that may be required for surface soils in the Woman Creek drainage.

Please call me, at (303) 312 6293, if you have any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,



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