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Mr. Johnny W. Reising  
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Subject: Conditional Approval of the Draft Final Remedial Design Package for the Silos 1 and 2 Accelerated Waste Retrieval Project and Responses to U.S. EPA Comments

Dear Mr. Reising:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has reviewed the above-referenced documents as part of its oversight activities for Operable Unit 4 at the Fernald Environmental Management Project (FEMP). The document, which is dated November 2000, was prepared by Fluor Fernald for the U.S. Department of Energy. The document provides responses to U.S. EPA and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency comments on the "Draft Remedial Design Package for the Silos 1 and 2 Accelerated Waste Retrieval Project" dated June 2000. Because of the number of regulatory comments on the draft document, the November 2000 draft final document was revised and reorganized.

U.S. EPA's review of the document focused on assessing (1) the technical adequacy of the revised document and (2) whether the responses to U.S. EPA comments are adequate and properly incorporated into the document. U.S. EPA found that the responses to U.S. EPA comments are adequate and properly incorporated into the document. However, U.S. EPA has some minor comments on the revised document; U.S. EPA's general and specific review comments are enclosed. U.S. EPA therefore conditionally approves the document pending a revision that addresses the enclosed comments. Please contact me at (312) 886-4591 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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TECHNICAL REVIEW OF "DRAFT FINAL REMEDIAL DESIGN PACKAGE  
FOR THE SILOS 1 AND 2 ACCELERATED WASTE RETRIEVAL PROJECT"

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