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RE: APPROVAL - INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PLAN REV.2 FINAL & RESPONSES TO U.S. EPA AND OEPA COMMENTS

Dear Mr. Reising:

Ohio EPA has reviewed the Integrated Environmental Monitoring Plan for January 2001, 2505-WP-0022 REV 2, Final submitted by DOE on January 25, 2001. Ohio EPA approves the document and has included one comment as an attachment.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (937) 285-6466 or Donna Bohannon at (937) 285-6543.

Sincerely,

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**OEPA's RESPONSES TO DOE ON THE REPSONSES
TO U.S. EPA AND OEPA COMMENTS
ON THE INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL
MONITORING PLAN, REVISION 2**

COMMENTS:

1. Commenting Organization: Ohio EPA Commentor: HSI GEOTRANS
 Section #: Pg #: Line #: Tables Code: C
 Original Comment #: 10
 Comment: DOE indicates in their response that "The partial penetration effect of extraction wells would pull clean water up rather than push contaminated water deeper." We are in agreement if the discussion is limited to extraction wells. The concern here, however, is not with respect to the effects from new extraction wells but the potential impacts associated with new re-injection wells that might be included in the waste pit or Plant 6 area groundwater restoration modules. Until the effects of re-injection are understood or re-injection is ruled out as a remediation strategy in these areas, groundwater monitoring along the eastern property line should continue as specified in the action portion of the comment response.