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Dear Mr. Skinitik:

We have reviewed the "Environmental Assessment for Proposed Final Land Use at the Fernald Environmental Management Project," and would like to submit the following comments.

1. On page 6 (3.0 last paragraph), the Service agrees, and would also insist, that any recreational uses of the site be consistent and compatible with the natural resource restorations implemented at the site. You may wish to consider adding hunting to the list of possible recreational uses. The issue of whether hunting would be an appropriate recreational use of the site, considering such issues as the effects of possible residual contaminants on game or the need for hunting as a management tool, should perhaps be addressed in the environmental assessment.
2. On page 7 (No Action Alternative, last paragraph), you may wish to include the Department of the Interior as another agency (natural resource trustee) that would not be satisfied with the no action alternative due to past natural resources injuries.
3. On page 7 (Enhanced Grading Alternative, 4<sup>th</sup> point), you may also wish to note that an "as feasible" enhancement of the "Priority Natural Resource Areas" might not satisfy the claims of the natural resources trustees.

If you have questions or we may be of further assistance in this matter, please contact Mr. Bill Kurey of this office at 614-469-6923 ext. 14.

Sincerely,

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