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Mr. Johnny Reising  
U.S. Department of Energy; Fernald Area Office  
P.O. Box 538705  
Cincinnati, OH 45253-8705

### RE: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF THE PSP FOR OSDF GMA MONITORING WELLS

Dear Mr. Reising:

This letter provides Ohio Environmental Protection Agency conditional approval of the Project Specific Plan for Installation of Monitoring Wells for On-Site Disposal Facility Cells 4 through 7. The condition of our approval is that the installation of the monitoring wells south of Cell 7 be deferred until there is a very high level of confidence that there will be no need to construct Cell 8.

Our concern is that no monitor wells ever be placed in the footprint of the OSDF. We believe that despite the best efforts to properly close such a well, the potential for contaminant migration to the GMA is too great to balance the benefits.

Should you have any questions, please contact Tom Ontko or me.

Sincerely,



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Fernald Project Manager  
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- cc: Jim Saric, U.S. EPA
- Terry Hagen, Fluor Fernald
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