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Mr. Johnny W. Reising  
United States Department of Energy  
Feed Materials Production Center  
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Cincinnati, Ohio 45239-8705

RE: Organically Contaminated Soil  
Excavation Control

Dear Mr. Reising:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has completed its review of the United States Department of Energy's (U.S. DOE) December 10, 2001, letter requesting approval for the excavation control and characterization process that will be performed for two special excavations in Area 3A due to organic contamination. The areas include the former incinerator pad (10D) and an area behind the maintenance building (12).

U.S. EPA has reviewed the specific procedures outlined for these two excavations and recognizes the need to complete these excavations to prepare for the larger Area 3A/4A excavation. Therefore, U.S. EPA approves the excavation in the above-mentioned areas. However, the approval of these excavations is not an approval of the Area 3A/4A project specific plan for excavation characterization and precertification.

Please contact me at (312) 886-0992 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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