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### RE: NOTIFICATION OF PLANS TO SHUT DOWN FOUR EXTRACTION WELLS

Dear Mr. Reising:

This letter provides Ohio Environmental Protection Agency concurrence with the path-forward for the four extraction wells as outlined in your letter DOE-0198-02. We have previously given verbal concurrence during the weekly conference calls.

The South Field Extraction Module, Phase II Design will provide additional justification for shutting down three of the wells (well 31565 also called EW 13, well 31564 also called EW 14 and well 31563 also called EW 16) located in the South Field.

The South Plume Optimization Phase 2 package will provide additional justification for shutting down RW-4, which is the easternmost well in the South Plume Extraction Module.

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

Sincerely,



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