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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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RE: A7 Phase 1 Precertification
Responses to Comments

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) Responses to Comments (RTC) on the Project Specific Plan (PSP) for Area 7 (A7), Phase 1 precertification.

The RTC have adequately addressed U.S. EPA's previous comments. Although the changes have not been incorporated into the document they will be incorporated into the "as-built" report for A7, Phase 1 precertification.

Therefore, U.S. EPA approves the A7, Phase 1 RTC and PSP. Please contact me at (312) 886-0992 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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