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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Mr. Johnny W. Reising
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SRF-5J

RE: A9 Phase 2 Certification
Sampling

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) draft Project Specific Plan (PSP) for certification sampling for Area 9, Phase 2 (A9,P2). The PSP presents the certification sampling approach for A9,P2.

U.S. EPA has previously disapproved the Certification Design Letter for A9,P2 and has attached its comments on the A9,P2 certification sampling.

Therefore U.S. EPA disapproves the A9,P2 PSP for certification sampling. U.S. DOE must submit responses to comments and a revised document within thirty (30) days receipt of this letter.

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

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMENT ON
"PROJECT SPECIFIC PLAN FOR AREA 9, PHASE II CERTIFICATION
SAMPLING"

FERNALD ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROJECT

GENERAL COMMENT

Commenting Organization: U.S. EPA

Commentor: Saric

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Comment: The project specific plan (PSP) adequately addresses the certification sampling procedures for Area 9, Phase II (A9P2), but precertification activities in this area have not yet been completed. Specifically, real-time monitoring in the wooded portion of A9P2 has not been completed as planned. A Variance/Field Change Notice (V/FCN) for the PSP for the A9P2 precertification real-time scan has been issued. The V/FCN, which is dated February 13, 2003, indicates that physical soil samples will be collected in the wooded area but states that "physical sampling will not be used in place of real-time monitoring." However, the V/FCN does not clearly state the purpose of the physical samples. If this physical sampling is to be used in place of real-time monitoring, this fact should be stated in the PSP and a revision to the Certification Design Letter for A9P2 should be issued that includes the physical sample analytical results.