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Mr. Johnny Reising
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Re: Approval - Silos 1 and 2 Remediation Facility Draft Remedial Design Package

Dear Mr. Reising:

Ohio EPA has received the document "Technical Review Comments on Silos 1 and 2 Remediation Facility Draft Remedial Design Package" dated April 17, 2003.

Upon reviewing the response to comments, Ohio EPA finds these responses adequate and approves the document. However, approval of this design does not constitute an assurance that the proposed facilities will operate in compliance with Ohio laws and regulations or that these facilities will perform in a fashion that achieves the objectives of the Operable Unit 4 Record of Decision.

In addition, it is the opinion of Ohio EPA that the phased "Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC)" approach adopted by the contractor to accelerate the clean-up of the site precludes substantive design changes. This approach prevents some design related issues from being resolved satisfactorily to Ohio EPA. A method to incorporate regulator driven design changes needs to be developed.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (937) 285-6466.

Sincerely,

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