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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF: SRF-6J

Mr. Johnny W. Reising
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RE: SouthField Extraction System
Phase II Tie-in

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) June 9, 2003, letter regarding a maintenance shut down of the Advanced Wastewater Treatment Expansion Facility and the performance of several electrical tie-ins for new extraction wells.

The rationale for the maintenance and other activities appears adequate. Therefore, U.S. EPA approves U.S. DOE's request to perform such activities. Further, consistent with the Operable Unit 5 Record of Decision, U.S. DOE is not required to consider the uranium concentrations at the Parshall Flume for three days during the above-mentioned activities when calculating the monthly average.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (312) 886-0992.

Sincerely,

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