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Re: **DISAPPROVAL - PSP for General Characterization for Sitewide Soil Remediation**

Dear Mr. Reising:

Ohio EPA has reviewed DOE's submittal, "Project Specific Plan for General Characterization for Sitewide Soil Remediation" received on August 26, 2003. Ohio EPA disapproves this document.

While Ohio EPA is in favor of developing a document which would contain the 'general information that routinely accompanies each area-specific/remediation-stage-specific PSP', the method of submitting detailed sampling information and other area-specific information through Variances/Field Change Notices to this PSP is unacceptable. Detailed plans for each area will need to be submitted to the Agencies for formal reviews.

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

Sincerely,

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