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Mr. Robert Warther
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RE: RBES and Site Infrastructure

Dear Mr. Warther:

Thank you for your January 30, 2004, letter regarding our January 13, 2004, telephone conversation. You are correct in that removal of the Monitored Natural Attenuation and other groundwater related initiatives from consideration as alternatives in the Fernald Risk Based End State (RBES) document would facilitate the initiation of discussions on the necessary site infrastructure changes that will result in the most efficient groundwater treatment at the Fernald site.

I look forward to working collaboratively, with the United States Department of Energy, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, the Fernald Citizen's Advisory Board and other interested stakeholders on this issue.

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

Sincerely,

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