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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

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Mr. Johnny W. Reising
United States Department of Energy
Fernald Closure Project
7400 Willey Road
Hamilton, Ohio 45013

RE: Direct Push Sampling Variance

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) variance to the approved Project Specific Plan (PSP) for direct-push sampling in former soil excavation areas. This variance presents a field change notice for additional direct-push sampling actions in the waste storage area.

The document appears technically adequate. Therefore, U.S. EPA approves the variance for additional sampling in the waste storage area.

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

Sincerely,

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