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Dear Mr. Saric and Mr. Schneider:

**REQUEST FOR INFORMAL REVIEW OF THREE SECTIONS OF THE INTERIM  
REMEDIAL ACTION REPORT FOR OPERABLE UNIT 5**

Enclosed for your informal review and comment are the three sections of the Interim Remedial Action Report for Operable Unit 5. The three sections include the On-site Disposal Facility (OSDF) (Section 1); Soils and Sediment (Section 2); and Aquifer Restoration (Section 3). As we discussed, the three sections have been updated to address past informal comments on the earlier Operable Units 2 and 3 reports, and we have incorporated representative "placeholder" text for items that are still evolving, such as final material quantities and costs.

Because of their diversity, the three Operable Unit 5 reports are the last reports that we feel could benefit from an informal review ahead of the formal submittals later next year. The next submittals will be formal submittals for Operable Units 1 and 2, once the remaining off-site SP-7 material shipments are complete after the first of the year. We will also include comment response documents at that time to accompany the formal Operable Units 1 and 2 submittals. Like the earlier informal reviews conducted for Operable Units 2 and 3, we are looking at this point for feedback on format and content, level of detail, and adherence to EPA guidance. The three reports have benefited from the earlier Operable Units 2 and 3 informal agency reviews, and we appreciate the agency efforts expended.

Mr. James A. Saric  
Mr. Tom Schneider

As requested, we are providing hard copies of the reports, rather than electronic submittals to help facilitate the review. Two copies of each report are included.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (513) 648-3139.

Sincerely,

  
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