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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Ms. Sue Smiley
Fernald Preserve Manager
U.S. Department of Energy
Office of Legacy Management
10995 Hamilton-Cleves Highway
Harrison, Ohio 45030

Subject: Fourth Five-Year Review Report for the Fernald Preserve dated August 2016

Dear Ms. Smiley:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed the review of the document entitled "Fourth Five-Year Review Report for the Fernald Preserve" dated August 2016 - Final. EPA is satisfied that the Agency's comments on the draft report have been adequately addressed in the Final document. Therefore EPA concurs with the protectiveness statement and the report is hereby approved.

EPA appreciates the efforts of U.S. Department of Energy staff in conducting this review. Please contact David P. Seely of my staff at (312) 886-7058 if you have any questions.

Sincerely

Douglas Ballotti, Acting Director

Superfund Division

cc: Thomas Schneider, OEPA Fernald Project Manager