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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

Re: US DOE Fernald Environmental Mgmt
Project
Remediation Response
Project records
Remedial Response
Hamilton County
531000297001

Subject: APPROVAL – TRANSMITTAL OF RESPONSES TO OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY COMMENTS ON THE 2015 FERNALD PRESERVE SITE ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT, NOVEMBER 29, 2016

Dear Ms. Smiley:

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) has received and reviewed the Department of Energy's (DOE's) Response to Ohio EPA Comments on the "2015 Fernald Preserve Site Environmental Report" dated May 2016. The report describes proposed reductions in the sampling program. Based on Ohio EPA's review and public support as heard at the August 16, 2016 Fernald Community Alliance public meeting, Ohio EPA approves DOE responses (dated November 29, 2016) and their incorporation into the 2016 Fernald Preserve Site Environmental Report.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (937) 285-6466.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Schneider", written over a white background.

Thomas A. Schneider
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Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization

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cc: David Seely, U.S. EPA
Bill Hertel, Stoller Corp.
Laura Hafer, Ohio EPA