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SUBJECT: Painesville FUSRAP Site

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Director of Health
Ohio Department of Health
246 North High Street
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This letter is in response to your letter dated September 20, 2004, regarding the Painesville Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) Site in Painesville, Ohio. I understand your disappointment in the delay in the project schedule, and I would like to request a meeting with you to review the process and discuss any issues regarding the Painesville Site.

I want to make it clear that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is committed to performing the data-gap sampling and remediation of the Painesville Site. Our current schedule is to complete the data-gap sampling in FY 2005 and the site remediation in FY 2006, and adequate funding to complete these tasks will be budgeted to the project. The funding that was necessary to be reprogrammed to other FUSRAP sites in FY 2004 was not permanently lost; it has just been delayed to the following fiscal year.

I would like to bring to your attention that during the call on June 14, 2004, between Bob Owen of the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and the USACE Painesville Project Manager, [REDACTED] relayed a request from USACE headquarters for a letter documenting ODH's decision to delay site licensing until after FUSRAP cleanup activities are complete. To date we have not received that letter, and it is important that we be able to provide your written decision to USACE Headquarters, to ensure continued support and funding for the Ohio FUSRAP Sites.

I will have my office contact yours to arrange a time that we can meet. In the meantime, if you have any questions, feel free to contact either myself at 716-879-4200, or the Painesville Site Project Manager, [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
District Engineer