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Dear Mr. Ferdas:

The final draft of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Ohio River Park Site (Site), Operable Unit No. 3 (OU3) has been reviewed by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department).

The Site has been divided into three operable units.

- Operable Unit No. 1 (OU1) addressed contaminated soil and buried waste at the Site. The ROD for OU1 was issued on September 30, 1996 and included capping, surface water runoff controls, monitoring, and institutional controls.
- Operable Unit No. 2 (OU2) is a small portion of the property near the Coraopolis Bridge. The ROD for this unit was issued on March 31, 1993. It determined that no cleanup was required on this portion of the Site.
- Operable Unit No. 3 (OU3), the subject of the ROD covered by this letter, addresses contamination of groundwater, surface water and sediment at the Site. The selected remedy described in this ROD is Monitored Natural Attenuation and Institutional Controls. This remedy includes quarterly monitoring of on-site and off-site monitoring wells, including monitoring of groundwater beneath the main and backchannel of the Ohio River and the Coraopolis well field. Should monitoring show that natural attenuation is not protective of human health and the environment or will not achieve cleanup levels within thirty years, a contingency measure is provided. This contingency includes the installation of a groundwater extraction and treatment system.

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This ROD recognizes The Land Recycling and Environmental Remediation Standards Act, and the applicable standards contained in Chapter 250, Administration of the Land Recycling Program, Section 250.306(c), establishing the Medium Specific Concentrations of contaminants for groundwater remediation that specifically includes the Federal Drinking Water Standards (MCLs), lifetime health advisory levels (HALs), or the exposure assumptions calculated in accordance with Sections 250.306 and 250.307.

The Department hereby concurs with the EPA's proposed remedial action for OU3 at the Ohio River Park Site with the following conditions:

- The EPA will assure that the Department is provided an opportunity to fully participate in any negotiations with the responsible parties.
- The Department concurrence is not to be construed as receiving or qualifying for release from liabilities offered under The Land Recycling and Environmental Remediation Standards Act (Act 2).
- Public comment and the issuance of an Explanation of Significant Differences be required prior to any modification of the ROD for OU3.
- The Department reserves its rights and responsibility to take independent enforcement action pursuant to state law.
- This concurrence with the selected remedial action is not intended to provide any assurances pursuant to SARA Section 104(c)(3).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me or Dawna Yannacci at 412-442-4000.

Sincerely,



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