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Paul H. Lohaus, Director
Office of State and Tribal Programs
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Lohaus:

This letter is to acknowledge my receipt of your December 24, 2003 letter on the subject of cooperation and coordination of both our agencies in regulating the site decommissioning activities at the Battelle Memorial Institute located in West Jefferson, Ohio.

We look forward to continuing to cooperate and work with you and NRC staff in accordance with your letter referenced above. The lead ODH contact for the West Jefferson site decommissioning is Ruth H. Vandegrift, Program Administrator for Bureau of Radiation Protection Decommissioning Program.

If you should have any questions regarding this response, please contact Robert E. Owen, Chief, Bureau of Radiation Protection at 614-644-2727.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Baird".

J. Nick Baird, M.D.
Director of Health

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