

Department of Energy

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Mr. Chris Miller U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 801 Warrenville Road Lisle, IL 60532-4351 OH-0201-04

Dear Mr. Miller:

You have previously been provided a draft copy of the Columbus Closure Project Risk Base End State (RBES) vision document for comment. The Department of Energy has determined that for privately owned sites such as the Battelle Memorial Institute-owned Columbus Closure Project site, RBES documents are not appropriate vehicles to consider change for clean-up. Accordingly, the Columbus Closure Project Risk Base End State will not be completed/published.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (513) 246-0018 or Pete Greenwalt at (937) 673-4570.

Sincerely,

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