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Mr. Thomas E. Lenhart Assistant General Counsel Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District 3826 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44115-2504

Dear Mr. Lenhart:

I am responding to your letter dated December 7, 1993, addressed to Mr. Sam Nalluswami of my staff, regarding the formal approval to place Lagoons A and B into service, if needed. You are requesting this formal approval due to operational considerations. NEORSD/SP's normal practice is to rotate usage of the lagoons during the winter months, to minimize icing on nearby roads.

Your letter stated that NEORSD/SP understands that a final release of the lagoons will not occur until the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has completed a review of the verification and confirmation sampling data. As you are aware, we have not yet received your final survey report, which will be an important part of our review. Furthermore, NEORSD/SP understands that further remediation may be required by the NRC. This situation is analogous to the process NRC applied for Lagoon C, when it was put into use prior to being released for unrestricted use.

With the conditions indicated in your letter and with the stipulations described herein, the use of Lagoons A and B, if needed, is approved.

If you have any questions, please contact Sam Nalluswami of my staff on (301) 504-2502.

Sincerely,

John H. Austin, Chief Decommissioning and Regulatory

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Division of Low-Level Waste Management and Decommissioning

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