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Mr. Erwin J. Odeal Executive Director Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District 3826 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44115-2504

Dear Mr. Odeal:

SUBJECT: SURVEY AND SAMPLING PLAN FOR THE EASTERLY WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SITE, REVISION O. APRIL 1994

I am responding to the survey plan submitted by B. Koh & Associates, Inc., on March 29, 1994, for performing survey and sampling at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District's (NORSD's) Easterly Wastewater Treatment Plant (EWTP). Our understanding is that this followup survey and sampling plan is based on a preliminary radiological survey and sampling effort on the Old Sludge Lagoon and adjacent areas performed by B. Koh and Associates, Inc., during November 24 through December 9, 1993, at the EWTP site. The preliminary survey indicated that cobalt-60 (Co-60) concentrations ranged between 0.483 picocuries per gram (pCi/g) and 297 pCi/g in four samples.

The survey and sampling plan indicates that the Old Sludge Lagoon area was previously used for the disposal of grit and other solids from the EWTP. Our understanding is that the thickness of grit in the Old Sludge Lagoon area may vary between 15 and 25 feet.

The stated purpose of the survey is to further define the nature and extent of the Co-60 contamination. We request that you provide this office with the survey results for our review. Based upon the review of the results, a determination will be made regarding the need for additional information and surveys to demonstrate that the site is suitable for unrestricted use. Examples of additional information which may be needed include: 1) the minimum detectable activity for the survey instrumentation and analytical techniques, 2) the instrumentation calibration methods, 3) the subsurface sampling plan, 4) the investigation and remediation methods to be followed if contamination above Nuclear Regulatory Commission's unrestricted use criteria is identified, 5) the method used to average the results, and 6) the method for reporting the results.

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

Sincerely,

(Original Signed by ______)

John H. Austin, Chief Low-Level Waste and Decommissioning Projects Branch Division of Waste Management Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

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