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Dear Dr. Snyder:

**TRANSMITTAL OF THE PHASE I-LEVEL DOCUMENTATION OF FOUR  
HISTORIC-ERA FARMSTEAD SITES (33PK311, 33PK312, 33PK317, AND 33PK318)  
WITHIN THE PORTSMOUTH GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT, PIKE COUNTY, OHIO**

Enclosed for your information is the *Phase I-Level Documentation of Four Historic-Era Farmstead Sites (33PK311, 33PK312, 33PK317, and 33PK318) within the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PORTS), Pike County, Ohio*

In 2002, the Department of Energy (DOE) submitted the "*Phase I Archaeological Survey of the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PORTS Facility) in Scioto and Seal Townships, Pike County, Ohio*" prepared in 1997 by ASC Group (Schweikart et al. 1997). As a result of that report, the Ohio Historic Preservation Office (OHPO) recommended, and DOE agreed, that additional field surveys be conducted of 13 historic-era farmsteads. DOE initiated the Phase II surveys in 2009 and completed the fieldwork in 2012. The Phase II surveys were divided into 3 reports that were submitted to your office in 2010 and 2013.

As we have discussed, as a part of the research for the 13 field surveys, the professional archaeologists performing the work located a map, dated 1905, that identified a number of additional farmsteads on the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PORTS) site. Research showed that these farmsteads had not yet been surveyed. In order to complete the site inventory efforts, 40 reconnaissance-level surveys were conducted at all the newly identified historic-era sites, which were transmitted to your office in April 2013. Phase I surveys were performed on 11 of the 40 sites. Two Phase I reports were sent to you on June 19 and September 6, 2013 for historic-era sites 33PK322, 33PK323, 33PK324, 33PK326, 33Pk327, HBML45, and 33PK330. At this time we are submitting the results of the Phase I archaeological surveys for the remaining four additional farmsteads – 33Pk311, 33Pk312, 33PK317, and 33Pk318. This submittal of the enclosed Phase I level documentation, together with the submittal of the documents identified herein, completes the evaluations of all 11 newly identified historic-era sites.

The results of these and all of the other historic-era surveys will be included in a comprehensive summary report of the site's historic-era farmsteads which we believe will be very useful in understanding the pre-DOE acquisition settlements, from the earliest historic-era farmstead, to the time of purchase by the Atomic Energy Commission in 1952.

Additionally, DOE is preparing a "*Comprehensive Summary Report of Cultural Resource Investigations Conducted at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PORTS Facility), Scioto and Seal Townships, Pike County, Ohio*". The above referenced report, which is in development, will include information on all temporal aspects of PORTS, from the prehistoric to the historic-era and including the DOE-era thus there can be a comprehensive presentation of the resources that offers cumulative perspective, and opportunities for understanding and interpretation. DOE has conducted many surveys and investigations in support of its Environmental Management (EM) mission and believes that while individual reports such as those attached are important, that the volume of information that has been gathered over the years can be best understood comprehensively and contextually.

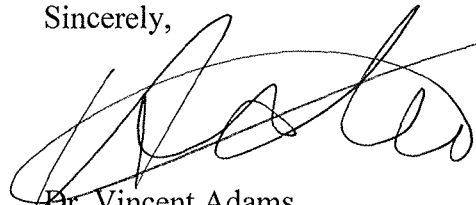
DOE's proposed Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation Liability Act (CERCLA) actions conducted to carry out its environmental management mission are similarly comprehensive in that they have the potential to affect cultural resources from each of these time periods. The CERCLA documentation that is being prepared considers the effects of the proposed action and alternatives on both individual and collective cultural resources. DOE is considering both the individual survey results and the comprehensive perspective in developing the CERCLA documents.

DOE will continue to send copies of the individual archaeological reports for your information as they become available, and DOE looks forward to sending you the comprehensive summary materials when they have been completed. DOE anticipates that the comprehensive summary materials will be an especially valuable asset in your review of our CERCLA documents.

A copy of the *Phase I-Level Documentation of Four Historic-Era Farmstead Sites (33PK311, 33PK312, 33PK317, and 33PK318) within the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PORTS), Pike County, Ohio* is enclosed and can be obtained at the Environmental Information Center by contacting 740-289-8898 or at [eic@wems-llc.com](mailto:eic@wems-llc.com). Additionally, an electronic copy can be found at <http://www.pppo.energy.gov/nhpa.html>.

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Lawson of my staff at (740) 897-2112.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure:

*Phase I-Level Documentation of Four Historic-Era Farmstead Sites (33PK311, 33PK312, 33PK317, and 33PK318) within the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PORTS), Pike County, Ohio*

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