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May 3, 2007

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP)

SUBJECT: Iowa Army Ammunition Plant, FUSRAP FFA CERCLA-07-2005-0378 – Request for Extension of Remedial Investigation (RI) Field Work and Submittal of Draft RI Report

Mr. Christopher Clayton
Office of Site Operations
LM20/Forrestal Building
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C. 20

Dear Mr. Clayton:

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Copies of this letter have been sent to the other FFA parties and the Installation Management Division at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant. If you have any questions regarding this request for extension please contact me at 314-260-3915.

Sincerely,



Sharon R. Cotner
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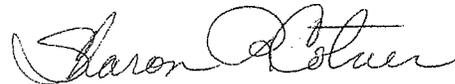
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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon R. Cotner".

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3 Enclosures