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Ms. Judy Clayton, Chair
Paducah Citizens Advisory Board
111 Memorial Drive
Paducah, KY 42001

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Dear Ms. Clayton:

RESPONSE TO CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD APPROVED RECOMMENDATION 11-05: CLASSIFIED ORAL HISTORIES PROGRAM

The Department of Energy (DOE) is in receipt of Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Approved Recommendation 11-05 dated April 21, 2011. The CAB recommendation states:

“The Paducah CAB respectfully requests that DOE:

Begin a classified oral histories program that can be maintained in a classified records system to be preserved until such time as it is no longer deemed a national security concern. Information garnered from these individuals may also help DOE in the decontamination and demolishing of the PGDP, particularly burial grounds.”

DOE appreciates the CAB's interests in capturing and preserving the classified history of the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant and agrees that preserving this information will prove valuable in future decontamination and decommissioning activities. Interviews of past and current workers to capture this historical information have begun at the CAB's recommendation. Both classified and unclassified interviews have been performed and records are being maintained. These interviews are expected to continue in order to preserve the history of the site for planning and historical purposes.

DOE appreciates the CAB support as we work to expedite work effectively, in the best interest of the site, the community, and the taxpayers. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Buz Smith at (270) 441-6821.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Reinhard Knerr", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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