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RE: Extension Request for Submittal of Comments to the Final Characterization Notification for Solid Waste Management Units 211-A and 211-B Volatile Organic Compound Sources for the Southwest Groundwater Plume (DOE/LX/07-1288&D1)
Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant
Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky
KY8-890-008-982

Ms. Blumenfeld:

The Kentucky Division of Waste Management (Division) is in receipt of the *Final Characterization Notification for Solid Waste Management Unit 211-A and 211-B Volatile Organic Compound Sources for the Southwest Groundwater Plume*, dated July 10, 2013. The notification contains DOE's official recommendation with regards to how volatile organic contamination present at SWMUs 211-A and 211-B should be addressed. DOE has recommended long-term monitoring with institutional controls as a final remedy for these two SWMUs. It is now incumbent upon the Division and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to either accept or reject this recommendation.

To date, the Division and the EPA have not made a decision as to whether to accept DOE's recommendation. During the October 21, 2013 FFA managers conference call, the managers agreed that an official response to the recommendation would be provided 30 days following DOE's submittal of the *D2 Final Characterization Report for Solid Waste Management Units 211-A and 211-B Volatile Organic Compound Sources for the Southwest Groundwater Plume*. Note that this tentatively sets January 9, 2014 as the submittal date for the Division's response to DOE's recommendation.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Brian Begley of my staff at (502) 564-6716, or e-mail at brian.begley@ky.gov.

Sincerely,



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