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Rachel Blumenfeld
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RE: Extension Request for submittal of comments on the *Treatability Study Work Plan for Steam Injection, Groundwater Operable Unit, at Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, Paducah, Kentucky (DOE/LX/07-1294&D1)*

Dear Ms. Blumenfeld,

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received the *Treatability Study Work Plan for Steam Injection, Groundwater Operable Unit, at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, Paducah, Kentucky (DOE/LX/07-1294&D1)*. EPA needs an additional 7 days beyond the November 20, 2013 due date to complete the review of the subject document. The additional review time is needed due to the 17 day partial government shutdown from October 1st through 17th, 2013. EPA was furloughed during the shutdown which impacted the ability of EPA technical reviewers to maintain the schedule agreed upon by the FFA parties. In accordance with the Federal Facilities Agreement, Section XXIX, Extensions, good cause exists for this extension. EPA will submit comments on or before November 27, 2013.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (404) 562-8513.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Tufts
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