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RE: Extension Request for the Proposed Plan for Solid Waste Management Units 5 and 6 of the Burial Grounds Operable Unit (DOE/LX/07-1275&D2)
Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant
Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky
KY8-890-008-982

Ms. Blumenfeld:

As you are aware, the Kentucky Division of Waste Management (Division), U.S. Department of Energy, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (ie., the FFA parties) are in receipt of a July 18, 2013 Paducah Citizen's Advisory Board (CAB) recommendation. This recommendation seeks to delay any remedial decision for Burial Grounds SWMUs 5 & 6 until, among other things, the Feasibility Study for the Waste Disposition Alternatives project has been completed and "until DOE and the community have had the time to solicit and evaluate redevelopment proposals from interested parties." The CAB's overriding concern as stated in its recommendation is that making this decision in the near-term may result in "limiting land use options for redevelopment."

On September 16, 2013, the FFA parties met with CAB members in Paducah. During that meeting, the CAB specifically requested that the parties delay approval of the D2 Proposed Plan for Burial Grounds SWMUs 5 & 6 to allow time for a decision to be made regarding potential construction and siting of a CERCLA onsite landfill and to allow time for DOE to complete its evaluation of responses received in response to its July 3, 2013 Request for Offers. DOE has specified that it may respond to such offers as early as fall of this year.

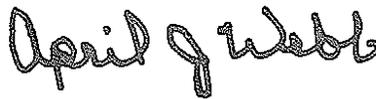
As a general rule, the Division is opposed to any delay in proceeding with cleanup at the Paducah site. However, given the recent USEC announcement that the Paducah Gaseous

Diffusion Plant is ceasing operations, the strong public sentiment against taking any action at this site that might be viewed as impeding future development, and the desire to attain ultimate community acceptance of the preferred alternative, the Division is inclined to allow some degree of latitude in this case.

Therefore, in accordance with FFA Section XXIX B(6), the Division respectfully requests that it be granted a sixty (60) day extension of its current September 30, 2013 deadline for final review of the D2 Proposed Plan for SWMUs 5 & 6. This extension is being sought in deference to the public's request so as to allow time for DOE to complete its Request for Offers review process. Given the somewhat unusual nature of this request, the Division asks that DOE respond in writing to acknowledge its position with respect to the Division's stated good cause as well as its position with respect to the CAB's July 18, 2013 recommendation. Assuming that DOE and EPA agree to this requested extension, the Division's response will be submitted no later than November 29, 2013.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Gaye Brewer at (270) 898-8468, or e-mail gaye.brewer@ky.gov.

Sincerely,



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