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Rachel Blumenfeld
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RE: EPA Extension Approval to respond to Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection's January 27, 2014 Extension Request for Review Time for the Proposed Plan for SWMUs 5 and 6 of the Burial Grounds Operable Unit at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, Paducah, Kentucky (DOE/LX/07-1275&D2)

Dear Ms. Blumenfeld,

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received the January 27, 2014 letter from the Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection (KDEP) to the Department of Energy requesting an extension for responding to the D2 Proposed Plan (PP) for SWMUs 5&6. The KDEP extension request was until such time as the Waste Disposition Alternative or CERCLA cell project Record of Decision is approved. EPA has expressed in several meetings since submittal of the October 17, 2013 D2 PP for SWMUs 5&6 Conditional Approval letter that we do not agree with the continued delay of SWMU 5&6 remedy selection process required by the FFA. However, we are cognizant of the CAB concerns as well as KDEP's position and would like the FFA parties to discuss how to best get the project back on track. Consequently, EPA will agree to a 60 day extension in light of KDEP's extension request.

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

Sincerely,

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