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Primary Document**

**Community Relations Plan
under the Federal Facility Agreement
at the U.S. Department of Energy
Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant**



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1. OVERVIEW OF THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS PLAN

This Paducah Community Relations Plan (CRP) is a primary document of the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) that directs the comprehensive remediation of the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PGDP) site. The FFA governs the corrective action/response action process from site investigation through site remediation as agreed to by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet (KEEC) under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA); the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA); Kentucky Revised Statute 224; and other laws and regulations identified in the FFA.

The Paducah CRP describes how DOE will provide opportunities for the public to become involved in FFA-related decisions at PGDP and outlines how the parties to the agreement will coordinate public participation prescribed by the FFA.

DOE is committed to fostering meaningful public involvement in environmental remediation decision making at the site. Interactive communications enable the public and other stakeholders to learn about the environmental program so they can provide input to the FFA parties.

At the same time, ongoing communications enhance DOE's ability to consider the public's interests in cleanup decisions. Stakeholders are individuals, groups, communities, and other entities in the public and private sectors that are interested in or affected by environmental activities and decisions.

1.1 COMMUNITY RELATIONS PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

The CRP contains information to place FFA-related public involvement processes in the context of the overall environmental management (EM) program at PGDP. The CRP includes these:

- A capsule summary of the PGDP and environmental issues;
- An overview of community demographics and past public involvement; and
- A summary of required avenues the FFA parties will use to disseminate information and to solicit and respond to public comments related to FFA activities, as well as discretionary information avenues the FFA parties may use.