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RE: Decommissioning of the C-746-A and C-727 Facilities at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, Paducah, Kentucky, transmittal dated April 26, 2016 (PPPO-02-3455501-16A)

Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, EPA ID KY8890008982, McCracken County, Kentucky

Dear Ms. Duncan,

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4 has received the Department of Energy's (DOE) letter transmitting a decommissioning proposal for the C-746-A and C-727 facilities at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PGDP) Superfund site. In the transmittal letter, the DOE requests that the EPA and the Kentucky Division of Waste Management (KDWM) provide a response to DOE's letter within 30 days of receipt (i.e. May 26th). The purpose of this letter is to acknowledge receipt of the DOE letter and advise the DOE that the Agency will require more time to review the determination and supporting information. EPA notes that the DOE did not forecast in any of the monthly Federal Facility Agreement Manager Meetings in 2016 (including the February 17, 2017, video conference to discuss the regulatory framework for deactivation and decommissioning at the PGDP) when a decommissioning proposal might submitted by DOE for regulatory agency review. Therefore, the parties have not yet made arrangements to discuss expectations for the supporting materials needed to facilitate regulatory agency evaluation of a DOE proposal to conduct certain decommissioning activities as maintenance actions outside of the tri-party Federal Facility Agreement for cleanup of the PGDP Superfund site. EPA recommends that, after the Agency and KDWM have a chance to review the C746-A and C-727 transmittal, a tri-party meeting be scheduled to discuss preliminary questions in support of written feedback to DOE on the subject decommissioning proposal.

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If you have any questions about this correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact me at (404) 562-8547 or via electronic mail at corkran.julie@epa.gov.

Sincerely,



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