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September 14, 2016

Ms. Tracey Duncan
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RE: Extension Request: EPA comments on D2 Site Management Plan, Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, Paducah, Kentucky, Annual Revision – Fiscal Year 2016 (DOE/LX/07-2400&D2), Date Issued July 19, 2016 (PPPO-02-3310809-16) EPA ID DY8890008982, McCracken County, KY

References:

- Extension Notification (August 16, 2016) for EPA Comments on the D2 SMP Annual Revision-Fiscal Year 2016 (DOE-LX/07-2400&D2).
- DOE-PPPO PowerPoint (June 2016): Paducah Site Cleanup Priorities – FFA Senior Managers Discussion. Presentation by Mr. Robert Edwards, DOE-PPPO, June 20, 2016.
- DOE –PGDP PowerPoint (June 2016): C-400 Remediation Strategy. Presentation by Mr. David Dollins, DOE-PGPD, June 30, 2016.

Dear Ms. Duncan,

The purpose of this letter is to request an extension of the deadline for submittal by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of comments on the revised *Site Management Plan, Annual Revision for Fiscal Year 2016* (DOE-LX-07-2400&D2). This extension request is made pursuant to Section XXIX, *Extensions*, of the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant Federal Facility Agreement (FFA). The good cause for the extension is FFA Section XXIX (B) (6): *Any other event or series of events mutually agreed to by the Parties as constituting good cause*. The event or series of events mutually agreed to by the Parties is consideration by Senior Managers from EPA and the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection (KDEP), of the Department of Energy (DOE)-Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office (PPPO) June 2016 proposal for site-wide reprioritization of work at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, including work to be performed under the Federal Facility Agreement and Site Management Plan (SMP).

The EPA seeks to extend the current deadline of September 17, 2016, to October 26, 2016. As forecast in EPA correspondence dated August 16, 2016, the Agency anticipates that a tri-party discussion of the DOE-PPPO site-wide reprioritization proposal will improve

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understanding of that proposal in support of our review and comments on the SMP. The initial FFA Senior Managers meeting to discuss the DOE proposal is now scheduled for October 12, 2016, in DOE-Lexington offices. An extended comment submittal date of October 26 will allow EPA and KDEP sufficient time to consider the outcomes of the October 12 Senior Managers meeting when drafting our comments on the cleanup plan.

Pending approval of a revised SMP, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 SMP approved by EPA and KDEP remains in effect. EPA anticipates that the October 12 FFA Senior Managers Meeting, and subsequent regulator comments on the D2 FY 2016 SMP, will support tri-party scoping efforts for the draft FY 2017 SMP Annual Update.

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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