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Mr. Bill Tanner, Chair
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Dear Mr. Tanner:

RESPONSE TO CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD CONSENSUS RECOMMENDATION 04-05 (DISCONTINUATION OF THE C-746 S & T LANDFILL SITE INVESTIGATION)

The Department of Energy (DOE) is in receipt of Consensus Recommendation 04-05 (January 2004) concerning the C-746 S&T Landfill investigation. Based on our discussions with you, the Department understands that Consensus Recommendation 04-05 supercedes Consensus Recommendation 04-03.

The Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) recommended discontinuing the site investigation for the area around the landfill. Your recommendation has technical merit. However, the Agreed Order signed by DOE on September 30, 2003, with the Commonwealth of Kentucky requires that the Department perform the site investigation (Section II Remedial Measures, Subsection F Closure/Post-Closure of the C-746-S and C-746-T Solid Waste Landfills, Paragraph 114). The DOE also recognizes that the CAB petitioned the Commonwealth of Kentucky on February 4, 2004 to discontinue the investigation at the C-746 S&T Landfills, but was denied. Accordingly, the Department must proceed with the implementation of the site investigation and decline Consensus Recommendation 04-05.

The DOE appreciates the efforts of the CAB in its review of this site investigation work plan. If you have any questions or require additional information, please call David Dollins at (270) 441-6819.

Sincerely,

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