



Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant
Citizens Advisory Board

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Title: Update the Community Relations Plan Through 2006

Background:

The Community Relations Plan (CRP) for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PGDP) is a primary document under the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) between DOE, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The FFA directs the comprehensive remediation at PGDP and governs the corrective action / response action process from site investigation through site remediation. The 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.

The first CRP for PGDP was issued in 1989. The CRP was substantially revised in 1998 to meet requirements of the FFA. The CRP is currently undergoing another revision, which is expected to be issued in early 2007. The draft of this latest revision (DOE/OR/07-2099&D2/R4) was issued for comment in November 2006. However, this draft only includes public involvement through 2005 in the Public Involvement History presented in Appendix B. There were several examples of significant public involvement in 2006 including, but not limited to the following:

- In 2006, DOE held a public meeting regarding the project scope and methodology for the Congressionally directed U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) study on potential property acquisition above the plumes of contaminated groundwater near the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant.
- A Deputy Designated Federal Official from the local Paducah Site Office was appointed to improve communication between DOE and the CAB.
- The full CAB met 11 times and task forces and Executive Committee held 25 meetings.

Failure to include the 2006 public involvement in the imminent revision will cause it to be over one year out of date when issued.

Recommendation:

The Citizens Advisory Board recommends that DOE update the in-process revision of the Community Relations Plan (DOE/OR/07-2099&D2/R4) to include 2006 public involvement and progress prior to issuance.