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Dear Ms. Clayton:

RESPONSE TO CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD CONSENSUS RECOMMENDATION 09-02 CONTINUED DOE SUPPORT OF THE SCENARIO PLANNING PROJECT

U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is in receipt of Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) consensus recommendation 09-02 regarding continued DOE support of the Scenario Planning project. The Paducah CAB recommended DOE continue to support the CAB in evaluating potential future uses of the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PGDP) through the process of scenario planning in the following ways:

1. Provide a DOE staff person whose responsibility would include acting as the contact person for CAB scenario planning efforts.
2. Provide staff support to complete this timetable.
3. Provide support for scenario planning follow-up including additional stakeholder and public input and identification of trend indicators which track events leading to the various scenarios.

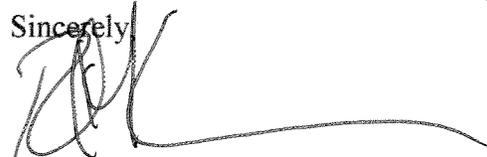
DOE fully supports the CAB efforts and strategic vision to evaluate local stakeholder input for potential future use scenarios for the PGDP. For the reasons outlined below, DOE believes adequate resources are currently provided for the CAB to achieve its future use scenario planning and declines CAB recommendation 09-02.

1. DOE's Strategic Planner, Mr. Buz Smith, already acts as the DOE Federal Coordinator and is responsible for assisting the Deputy Designated Federal Officer and CAB to accomplish their mission. Mr. Smith also acts as the Paducah Site's liaison with local stakeholder groups regarding future planning activities at the site, (e.g., end state vision).
2. The CAB has merged a large part of its scenario planning efforts with the Kentucky Research Consortium for Energy and Environment (KRCEE) End State Vision project and has a representative on the Advisory Panel developed as part of the KRCEE project. DOE fully endorses the CAB's decision to leverage KRCEE's efforts. As an Advisory Panel member, the CAB will have access to much of the information necessary for the CAB to continue its independent scenario planning.

3. DOE agrees that continual assessment of stakeholder interests is important to ensure site cleanup levels are consistent with the future use of the PGDP because stakeholder expectations or interests may change or be refined over time. As such, DOE expects to continue activities such as the future use visioning process over the next 30 years as the site cleanup and PGDP decontamination and decommissioning activities are completed. An important part of these continual assessments could be consideration of trend indicators. However, DOE cannot commit, at this time, to track trend indicators for scenarios that are incomplete. DOE encourages the CAB to complete the scenario planning efforts, including identification of trend indicators, and then provide recommendations to DOE regarding the appropriate tracking of these indicators.

Thank you for your input, service to our community, and continuing support as we continue our efforts to remediate the PGDP. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Buz Smith at (270) 441-6821.

Sincerely



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