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Ms. Judy Clayton, Chair
Paducah Citizens Advisory Board
111 Memorial Drive
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Dear Ms. Clayton:

RESPONSE TO CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD CONSENSUS RECOMMENDATION 10-02 ACCELERATE REMEDIATION OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNIT 4

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is in receipt of Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Consensus Recommendation 10-02 dated March 18, 2010, related to the accelerated remediation of Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) 4. The CAB recommends that DOE:

- 1) Fund up to \$200 million by July 2010 to accelerate the removal action for SWMU 4 at Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant.
- 2) To the extent possible, reallocate baseline funding to accelerate SWMU 4 trichloroethylene dense nonaqueous-phase liquid removal and remediation of SWMUs 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 30, and 145 as determined by the feasibility study.

Consistent with the President's announcement in the State of the Union message that all non-defense budgets will be held level; the Paducah Site funding targets for FY 2012 - 2016 are generally leveled consistent with our FY 2011 funding request. Additionally it is unlikely that funds appropriated by Congress would be moved to another program without Congressional approval. Some shifting of funds may be possible in outyear budget planning. As a result, an increase in funding by \$200 million this fiscal year is not likely. However, DOE intends to:

- 1) Prepare a SWMU 4 Removal Action Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis for public comment in the near future.
- 2) Complete plans and Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act documentation as required to be able to start field actions for SWMU 4, if an "action" alternative is selected and provided funding is available.
- 3) Given current funding target levels over the next five years, DOE will work closely with the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to prioritize site environmental remediation activities to ensure continued protectiveness of the public and environment and maximize workforce stability.

Additionally, DOE will continue to coordinate site environmental clean-up priorities with the CAB.

DOE appreciates your continued efforts to provide recommendations that improve the effectiveness of its environmental management mission in Paducah. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Buz Smith at (270) 441-6821.

Sincerely,



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