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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 RECOMMENDATION 10-07: HISTORIC PRESERVATION: PADUCAH GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT SITE MUSEUM**

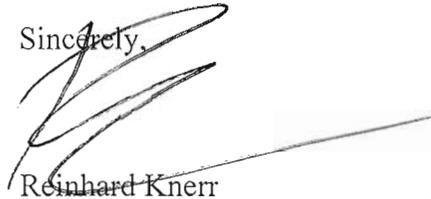
The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is in receipt of the Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Consensus Recommendation 10-07 dated July 15, 2010, which states: **In order that both historic information and artifacts at the PGDP site be preserved for future generations, the Citizens Advisory Board recommends: That DOE begin plans for a museum or other center in which artifacts and memorabilia from the PGDP Plant can be displayed and preserved. In this way, the general public, many of whom could be former employees or their family members, may have the benefit of a commemorative structure honoring the history of the PDGP and its workers.**

DOE recognizes the significant historical contributions made by the operation of the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PGDP). The operation of the PGDP helped keep our nation secure during the Cold War. Operation of the plant impacted the community and way of life for the thousands of workers that have been employed at the site. DOE will initiate an evaluation of artifacts and memorabilia currently in its possession. However, as Decontamination and Decommissioning (D&D) of C-340 and C-410, the only buildings currently scheduled for D&D, will be completed in the upcoming months, it is unlikely that significant items not already identified will be found. As the majority of the site's historic facilities are still being leased to and operated by the United States Enrichment Corporation, DOE will ensure that as part of the de-leasing process an assessment of potential artifacts and memorabilia is completed. Furthermore, DOE requests additional information regarding the CAB's vision for preserving artifacts.

DOE extends its appreciation to the CAB for its work on behalf of the community, their interest in expediting work effectively, and their support for continued enhancement of interaction among DOE, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Kentucky Division for Waste Management on behalf of the 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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