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

### **RESPONSE TO CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS 10-08: HISTORIC PRESERVATION: COMPREHENSIVE ORAL HISTORIES PROGRAM**

U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is in receipt of Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Consensus Recommendation 10-08: **That DOE initiate a comprehensive Oral Histories Program. Though the mission of the plant changed with the end of the Cold War to producing enriched uranium for use in domestic and foreign commercial power reactors, the stories of the people who made it possible for Paducah to contribute to the security of our nation have not. The stories of many of these individuals are important elements of national history to be recorded and preserved. The stories of the families and communities affected by the PGDP provide valuable insight into the impact of the site on the surrounding area. Workers and community members from the early years of the plant are now aged. It is urgent that a program be initiated in order to gather, record, and archive their stories before it is too late.**

DOE agrees with this recommendation and is working with the Kentucky Research Consortium for Energy and Environment (KRCEE), to compile and preserve the oral history program of the Paducah site. DOE will ensure KRCEE coordinates its activities with the CAB as the task to gather and preserve oral history regarding the mission and activities at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant is performed.

DOE extends its appreciation to the CAB for their 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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