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Ms. Judy Clayton, Chair
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Dear Ms. Clayton:

RESPONSE TO CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD APPROVED RECOMMENDATION 11-03: INCLUSION OF WORK FOR OTHERS INFORMATION IN ORAL HISTORIES VIDEO AND HISTORICAL DOCUMENT

The Department of Energy (DOE) is in receipt of Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Approved Recommendation 11-03 dated April 27, 2011. The CAB recommendation states:

“In an effort to capture valuable oral histories without compromising classified information, the CAB respectfully requests that:

Information regarding Work for Others Program projects done at the PGDP, particularly space exploration projects, should be considered for declassification and release to the general public, providing national security concerns no longer exist.

In the long term, DOE conduct a classification study on the Work for Others Program accomplished at the PGDP in an effort to declassify information regarding work which was done that no longer jeopardizes national security.”

DOE appreciates the CAB's interests in promoting the unique work performed at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant for other sites and agencies (frequently referred to as the Work for Others Program). Information regarding this work will prove valuable in preserving the history of the site. DOE is researching the availability of documents related to this Work for Others Program, to include reviews for classification and potential declassification, and will provide responsive and unclassified documents to the CAB as they become available.

Specific tasks being performed by DOE include (1) identifying Work for Others Program projects; (2) performing records searches to identify responsive documents; (3) performing classification reviews of responsive documents; and (4) initiating the process for declassification of responsive documents. It should be noted that declassification is a lengthy process that will involve DOE Headquarters (HQ) and/or other Federal agencies.

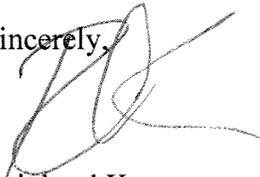
Security Classification of particular information about a program or project is typically the responsibility of the agency funding the work. The decision to classify certain information is

conveyed by a particular agency to those who complete the work. As you are aware, in the case of the Paducah Work for Others Program, there were several agencies involved as well as other DOE sites. The determination of what remains as classified and what may be declassified must be coordinated with these other agencies and sites through the DOE HQ Classification Office.

DOE has begun this process for some of the programs and will provide information to the CAB as it is available. It is the intent of DOE to provide periodic updates to the CAB during upcoming subcommittee meetings.

DOE appreciates the CAB support as we work to expedite work effectively, in the best interest of the site, the community, and the taxpayers. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Buz Smith at (270) 441-6821.

Sincerely,



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