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Title: Paducah CAB's Vision for Preserving Artifacts

Background:

Thank you for your response to the Paducah Citizens Advisory Board's (CAB) recommendation 10-07, Historic Preservation: Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant Site Museum. We appreciate that you have initiated an evaluation of artifacts and memorabilia currently in your possession. The CAB understands that several artifacts have been identified in buildings which are currently being demolished. In fact, some are on display in the CAB meeting area. We are deeply appreciative that the DOE understands the significance of preserving these tangible elements of Plant history. Further, the CAB recognizes that only after the United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC) de-leases its facilities back to the DOE will you be able to begin the process of assessing potential artifacts and memorabilia contained within the enrichment structures and supporting buildings.

The ultimate vision of the CAB with regard to historic preservation is to honor the history of the PGDP and its workers by having a permanent center in which collected memorabilia and artifacts will be displayed for viewing by the general public. Only in this way can present and future generations understand how workers at the PGDP contributed to national security during the Cold War.

In the response to recommendation 10-07, the DOE requested additional information regarding the CAB's vision for preserving artifacts.

Recommendation

As plans are being made to develop a center in which to permanently preserve and display artifacts and memorabilia from the PGDP, the Paducah CAB respectfully requests that the DOE:

Store historical artifacts identified and collected in such a manner to ensure that they are protected from the elements and vermin until such a time as a permanent commemorative structure can be created.