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Mr. Ralph Young, Chair  
Paducah Citizens Advisory Board  
111 Memorial Drive  
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Dear Mr. Young:

### **RESPONSE TO THE PADUCAH CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATION 12-02: SUPPORT OF PRO NUCLEAR FUTURE USES AT THE PADUCAH GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is in receipt of the Paducah Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation 12-02: Support of Pro Nuclear Future Uses at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PGDP). The CAB recommends:

**The Citizens Advisory Board feels that the present Kentucky Revised Statute does not support the clean-up and future site use of Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant. These conditions furthermore interfere with site clean-up goals and place the economic viability of the PGDP site in question.**

**Given these conditions, the Citizens Advisory Board recommends that DOE work with the Kentucky legislature during the 2012 session to provide facts and underlying research that will lead to the repeal of the statute. We also recommend that DOE increase its communication with stakeholders, regulators and others, including elected representatives, to explain the asset nature of the site, its economic impact to the area, DOE's safety record, and the record of its contractors. We believe that all of these facts will substantiate the clear message that nuclear-related activities at PGDP will not impose any additional risk to the environment or the health and safety of the workers or citizens in our region.**

DOE appreciates the CAB's interest in future use of the site as we continue to cleanup environmental legacies and aging buildings at the site. As you are aware, we are currently working with the community to establish a forward reaching plan that will allow us to favorably position cleanup strategies to meet community future use needs.

As you stated, the DOE's mission is to restore the site to a useable condition for future reindustrialization, and we remain committed to that end. DOE, however, neither endorses nor opposes individual future use initiatives that the community seeks as a part of any economic development package. Based on the specific need, DOE will provide the CAB, community, elected officials and other stakeholders with factual information related to the site. Such information could be provided through brochures, fact sheets, asset specifications and listings, safety statistics, etc. Such information cannot be produced by DOE for the benefit of a private

entity that has a business relationship with DOE. Additionally, DOE can work with the CAB to develop such material to aid future use planning.

DOE continues to welcome the CAB's suggestions and recommendations as we move forward. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Buz Smith at (270) 441-6821.

Sincerely,

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