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Mr. Ben Peterson, Chair
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Dear Mr. Peterson:

RESPONSE TO THE PADUCAH CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATION 13-03: RECYCLING

Reference: Letter from R. Young to R. Blumenfeld, "Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PGDP) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Approved Recommendation 13-03," dated June 24, 2013

Thank you for the subject recommendation regarding establishment of a comprehensive and structured recycling program at Paducah and on-site storage of materials for which adequate certification for approved cleanup procedures has not yet been developed. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) values and appreciates the Paducah CAB's work and recommendations to further the Environmental Management (EM) cleanup program.

DOE is in the process of reviewing public comments on the draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA), referenced in your recommendation, to resume clearance of uncontaminated [clean] scrap metal stored or managed in radiological areas at DOE sites. After thorough consideration of all input from the public, DOE may issue a final PEA.

We agree that storage and/or restricted reuse of valuable assets could have benefits, including value to the local economy, recovery of valuable materials, and waste reduction. DOE has included a specific requirement for the development of a Recycling Program Plan in the Request for Task Proposal DE-SOL-0004563¹, issued August 9, 2013, which will evaluate scrap metal recycling options in accordance with DOE policy restrictions.

¹ See Section C.1.2.2.15, <http://www.emcbc.doe.gov/PGDP%20Deactivation/final%20rfp.php>

Thank you again for your recommendation. The EM program appreciates your insights and ongoing interest in recycling. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Buz Smith at (270) 441-6821.

Sincerely,



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