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Mr. Ben Peterson, Chair  
Paducah Citizens Advisory Board  
111 Memorial Drive  
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Dear Mr. Peterson:

**RESPONSE TO THE PADUCAH CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD  
RECOMMENDATION 13-05: SEEK CHANGE TO BUDGET STRATEGY AND  
FUNDING LEVELS TO INCLUDE POST OPERATIONS OF THE PADUCAH  
GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT**

Reference: Letter from R. Young to R. Blumenfeld, "Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PGDP) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Approved Recommendation 13-05," dated July 22, 2013

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is in receipt of the Paducah Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Consensus Recommendation 13-05: Seek Change to Budget Strategy and Funding Levels to Include Post Operations of the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PGDP).

DOE appreciates the CAB's concern regarding transition, decontamination, and decommissioning of the PGDP. DOE received a FY14 budget of \$321M with \$138M for GDP transition and another \$30M on top of last year's remediation budget to accelerate remediation work scope. DOE is considering budget options to determine when DOE would be able to start Decontamination and Decommissioning (D&D) of the PGDP. As the CAB is aware, the decision regarding when to start D&D is dependent upon many factors, including the amount of appropriated funding and DOE's competing priorities across the country. As DOE's planning and budgeting process progresses, DOE will keep the CAB advised.

DOE will continue to work with the community as the community continues to develop an adaptive reuse plan that will integrate with DOE's mission to complete the clean-up of the PGDP. DOE appreciates the community's desire for accelerated D&D, as well as the advantages of being able to utilize the existing skilled workforce to support clean-up efforts. Additionally, DOE will discuss with the CAB and regulators opportunities to sequence projects to align PGDP clean-up efforts with community reuse goals.

DOE appreciates the CAB's continued commitment to the ongoing and expeditious clean-up of the PGDP. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Buz Smith at (270) 441-6821.

Sincerely,



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