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

RESPONSE TO CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATION 15-01: CONSTRUCTION OF AN ON-SITE WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY AT THE PADUCAH GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT SITE

Reference: Letter from B. Peterson to J. Woodard, "Recommendation 15-01: Construction of an On-site Disposal Facility at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant Site," dated December 5, 2014

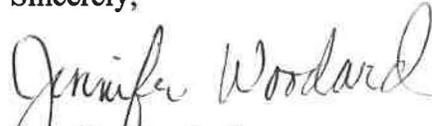
The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) received the Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation 15-01 (reference) recommending that DOE, as expeditiously as possible, obtain agreement among the regulatory agencies to approve an On-Site Waste Disposal Facility (OSWDF) that meets all Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act requirements at candidate Site 11. CAB Recommendation 15-01 highlighted that Site 11 minimizes the impact of the OSWDF on the rest of the site and the surrounding area for potential reuse and keeps all waste disposal facilities in one location. Recommendation 15-01 concluded that should regulatory issues preclude the use of Site 11 for valid reasons that cannot be overcome by engineering solutions; the CAB will take Site 5A and/or Site 9 under consideration as an alternative. Under no circumstance, will Site 1 or Site 3A be considered acceptable.

DOE currently is working with the regulatory agencies to finalize the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Report. Once approved, the next document to be issued will be the Proposed Plan which will present the preferred remedy. This CAB recommendation, as well as other factors, will be fully considered in selecting the location, if the on-site waste disposal alternative is selected as the preferred remedy.

DOE would like to extend its appreciation to the CAB for investing many hours reviewing and participating in numerous studies and presentations, as well as for traveling to Fernald, Ohio, and Oak Ridge, Tennessee, to tour their disposal facilities. Additionally, the CAB has invested many hours to better understand the alternatives presented and the multiple locations that an On-site Waste Disposal Cell could be constructed. DOE also appreciates the CAB providing your core values that were utilized in the resulting recommendation.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Buz Smith at (270) 441-6821.

Sincerely,



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