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

### **RECOMMENDATION 15-03: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FUNDING PRIORITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET**

Reference: Letter from B. Peterson to J. Woodard, "Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PGDP) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Consensus Recommendation 15-03," dated April 17, 2015

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is in receipt of the Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation 15-03 (reference). In the recommendation, the CAB asks DOE to re-negotiate the milestones related to Burial Grounds – Solid Waste Management Units (SWMUs) 5 & 6 to move that down the priority list in favor of Deposit Removal and Accelerated Deactivation, fully fund the list of 2017 Integrated Priority List (IPL) activities, and maintain an annual funding that is leveled to equal the fiscal year (FY) 2014 total in future budget requests, consistent with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) flat funding requirements.

DOE appreciates the CAB's continued interest in consistent, leveled funding to accomplish activities necessary to prepare the site for future cleanup. The Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office has developed the FY 2017 IPL and has submitted the IPL to DOE Headquarters (HQ) for review. The FY 2017 request included sufficient funding for deposit removal, as well as continuing base operations, meeting enforceable milestones, performing de-lease and deactivation activities and maintaining depleted uranium hexafluoride operations.

As you are aware, funding is dependent upon many factors, including the amount of appropriated funding and DOE's competing priorities across the country. DOE HQ will ensure the IPL is in alignment with Departmental priorities and the OMB guidance prior to submitting DOE's FY 2017 request to OMB.

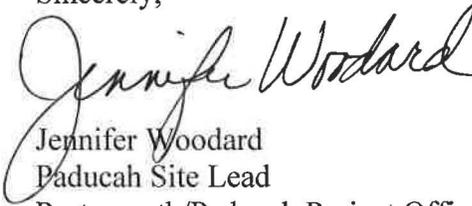
As stated in a previous recommendation related to SWMUs 5 & 6, environmental restoration decisions at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant are made jointly by DOE, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection through the Federal Facility Agreement (FFA). Consequently, DOE cannot act unilaterally on this recommendation. This recommendation has been shared with the FFA parties. As part of

the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act and FFA process, DOE will be required to meet regulatory milestones currently associated with SWMUs 5 & 6 until such time that the milestones are renegotiated. DOE is also actively pursuing re-negotiation of the milestones related to Burial Grounds – SWMUs 5 & 6.

DOE appreciates the CAB's work on behalf of the community and will keep the CAB informed as new information on the funding levels for Paducah becomes available.

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

Sincerely,



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