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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 13-04; PROMPT INITIATION OF THE PADUCAH GASEOUS
DIFFUSION PLANT OPERATING FACILITY DECONTAMINATION AND
DECOMMISSIONING AFTER TRANSITION OF LEASED BUILDINGS TO THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

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

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is in receipt of the Paducah Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Consensus Recommendation 13-04 (reference). The CAB recommends that DOE adequately fund the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PGDP) post operation shutdown and initiate immediate decontamination and decommissioning (D&D) of the enrichment operating facility upon return of the PGDP to DOE. The CAB also recommends that DOE continue to support the goal of adaptive reuse, including the development and successful completion of a strategy that supports revitalization.

DOE is committed to a return of the PGDP from the United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC) that is safe and compliant with all applicable laws, regulations, and lease provisions. DOE is working to establish potential funding and timing scenarios for the D&D of the PGDP. DOE also will continue to work with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection to develop a regulatory path forward for D&D.

DOE is working to integrate the current clean-up projects with a PGDP D&D strategy and will move to D&D as appropriated funding and regulatory requirements allow. DOE is committed to brief the CAB as D&D planning proceeds.

DOE also remains committed to support the community as it plans for reuse of the Site. DOE will continue to work with stakeholders as they work to identify future uses for the Site.

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

Sincerely,



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