



**U. S. Department of Energy
Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office**

APPLICATION OF A CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

Brief Description of the Action that has been categorically excluded: (indicate the site, location (e.g., building number), and describe the action in 1-3 sentences.

The proposed action involves the optimization of electric power at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Facility to support the Decontamination and Demolition and remediation of the X-530 Switchyard while satisfying the existing electrical needs of site lessees and occupants.

Number and Title of the Categorical Exclusion Applied: 10 CFR Part 1021, Appendix B to Subpart D.

B4.6. Addition and Modification to Transmission Facilities

B4.11. Electrical Power Substations and Interconnecting Facilities

Determination:

The proposed action was reviewed and was determined to fit within the specified class of actions found at 10 CFR 1021, Appendix B to Subpart D.

Date CX applied: August 9, 2012

CX applied by: (mark indicating who applied the CX)

NEPA Compliance Officer X

Program Office