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Mr. Ben Peterson, Chair Paducah Citizens Advisory Board 111 Memorial Drive Paducah, KY 42001

Dear Mr. Peterson:

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## RESPONSE TO THE PADUCAH CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATION 13-06 COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

Reference: Letter from R. Young to R. Blumenfeld, "Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant

(PGDP) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Approved Recommendation 13-06,"

dated July 22, 2013

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is in receipt of the Paducah Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) 13-06 Communications Strategy dated July 18, 2013 (reference) recommending DOE keep stakeholders informed of ongoing and future strategies at Paducah.

DOE accepts your recommendation as a whole and understands the need for greater communication with the community as outlined by the CAB in this recommendation. DOE is establishing a website that will serve as a source of information that the community desires. DOE requests the CAB's feedback on the type of information that the CAB believes the community desires as well as comments on improving the website once it is operational.

In some instances, such as request for offers, procurements and deliberations, DOE may not be able to provide as much information or as timely as the community desires due to procurement restrictions. DOE will nonetheless strive to communicate the reasons why information cannot be communicated.

Additionally, the CAB requested monthly updates on the Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund (UED&D). The UED&D is updated on a yearly basis and can be retrieved from the internet at http://energy.gov/ig/downloads/audit-report-oas-fs-13-02. The report is released in the late fall of each year. The most recent report is for 2012.

DOE appreciates the CAB's recommendation and interest in improving communications with DOE. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Buz Smith at (270) 441-6821.

Sincerely,

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