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

Dear Mr. Peterson:

RESPONSE TO CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATION 15-05: COMMUNITY GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR PRIORITIZATION

Reference: Letter from B. Peterson to J. Woodard, "Recommendation 15-05: Community Guiding Principles for Prioritization," dated August 27, 2015

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) received the Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation 15-05 (reference) recommending that DOE and the regulators consider a prioritized set of community values during any future tri-party discussions in formulating a new agreement or setting milestones; and use these values as guiding principles for community input into the decision making process.

DOE appreciates the CAB's effort in producing a prioritized set of values to be considered as future decisions are made for cleanup of the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PGDP). DOE will consider these values, to the extent practicable and possible, in ongoing tri-party discussions with the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). DOE will forward this recommendation to its current regulatory contacts at Kentucky's Department of Environmental Management, Department of Waste Management and EPA Region 4 for their information and use.

DOE looks forward to ongoing discussions with the CAB as we re-align the cleanup mission at the PGDP. If you have any questions, or desire additional information, please contact Buz Smith at (270) 441-6821.

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