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Dear Mr. Stinnett:

RESPONSE TO CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATION 26-01, INPUT ON BUDGET AND FUNDING PRIORITIES AT THE PADUCAH SITE

Reference: Letter from B. Stinnett to A. Ladd, "Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PGDP) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation 26-01," dated April 30, 2026

The Paducah Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) was formed in 1996. Over the last 30 years, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the CAB have built a longstanding, collaborative relationship through educational efforts and community dialogue. Part of this communication includes numerous recommendations from the CAB to DOE concerning environmental cleanup, waste management, deactivation and remediation activities, and future use of the site. History shows DOE fully implements or partially implements almost all recommendations from the CAB.

DOE received and reviewed the CAB Recommendation 26-01. The CAB recommended the following in italics and DOE's response is below each bullet in blue.

- *Establish and communicate a "cleanup-to-reuse acceleration strategic plan" including: increase funding for continued environmental remediation and Deactivation and Demolition (D&D) activities to accelerate removal of legacy facilities, ensuring environmental remediation is completed in phases, matching private-sector redevelopment timelines; align cleanup sequencing with redevelopment-ready parcels; continue working with community leaders to develop a Comprehensive Site Master Plan for future land use; prioritize funding for waste disposition infrastructure to accelerate cleanup while minimizing lifecycle cost.*

DOE is committed to communicating a clear and concise "cleanup-to-reuse acceleration strategic plan." Through Decision 2029, the Paducah Site cleanup will be accelerated using a holistic strategy which facilitates a reindustrialization end-state with community input included. Furthermore, DOE plans to continue allocating funds as they become available for environmental remediation and D&D activities, aligning with reindustrialization developments. DOE understands all parties must be in sync and thus will continue to work with community leaders to advance a Comprehensive Site Master Plan for future use. Additionally, DOE continues to evaluate options concerning waste management and on-site

disposal solutions to provide the most efficient and cost-effective methods to promote accelerated cleanup and reindustrialization of the site.

- *Expand training, apprenticeships, and internships to build, develop, and improve the workforce.*

DOE is committed to expanding training, apprenticeships and internships to build, develop, and improve the workforce. DOE and its contractors are involved in several STEM-related educational outreach programs, as well as workforce recruiting programs including internships, externships, and professional development trainings.

- *Enhance public engagement and communication efforts through expanded DOE and contractor outreach tools to maintain community trust and transparency.*

DOE recognizes the need to build and maintain public trust through transparency. Enhanced public engagement, communication, and the expansion of DOE and contractor outreach tools are incorporated into the Decision 2029 holistic cleanup approach.

- *Emphasize a proactive approach to advanced technologies to advance Paducah as an innovation and research hub for the Nuclear Renaissance.*

DOE acknowledges Paducah must be properly equipped to be a leader in innovation and research for the Nuclear Renaissance by being receptive to advanced technologies. DOE is working closely with the community to assure we support their vision of a future use. With current infrastructure, the Paducah Site is a prime location for the Nuclear Renaissance to expand with Global Laser Enrichment building adjacent to the site and General Matter building on a 100-acre parcel of land.

DOE appreciates the CAB's recommendation and is committed to its holistic and accelerated cleanup strategy, promoting reindustrialization of the site. Concurrently, DOE will fully consider all options to recruit and retain a pipeline of next generation workforce. Lastly, DOE supports the advancement of heightened engagement and communication with the public throughout the cleanup and reindustrialization processes.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (270) 217-2029.

Sincerely,

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