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Dear Dr. Snyder:

### **TRANSMITTAL OF A REPORT OF EXAMPLE PUBLICLY-AVAILABLE ARCHIVAL RESOURCES THAT MAY BE USED TO INTERPRET HISTORIC-ERA SITES**

As you are aware, since 1996 the Department of Energy at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PORTS) has been engaged in conducting archaeological surveys to inventory cultural resources and identify historic properties. All of the surveys were completed in 2012 and we are continuing to document the results and provide them to you and our consulting parties for information.

As is evidenced in the reports, the surveys have yielded a vast quantity of historic-era artifacts enabling us to learn about local preferences regarding familial and social relationships that form the structure of communities as well as economics, and how people made their livings, for example. We have also gathered information on construction materials and methods, farmstead structure and layout. Acquisition records on the ownership of the properties at the time of their purchase by the Atomic Energy Commission were also available, enabling some level of interpretation of these historic-era cultural resources by way of the association of potential names with archaeological resources found on those properties including providing insight into how land parcels, and perhaps their use, changed through time. Some of the names of the landowners at the time of acquisition by the government are names still familiar in the area, such as Shy, Vallery, and Farmer.

Interpretation of the "as found" conditions, taken together with the artifacts and the remnants of the sites and structures themselves, has yielded useful information, but what it has lacked is the ability to associate the cultural resources to their former inhabitants. The enclosed report, entitled "*Historic Archival Resources and Their Availability for Historic-Era Sites at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Pike County, Ohio*" (RSI/PORTS246), aims to provide examples of how available data may be used to make some of those connections. Examples using information on two families who resided on what is now PORTS are provided in the report for illustrative purposes.

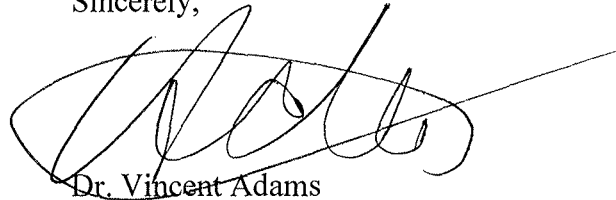
This report identifies a range of archival resources that are available and can be used to provide a better understanding of the history of the people who once lived on the farmsteads that now comprises the PORTS reservation. These types of resources are available to the public. The purpose of the study is to provide examples of what can be learned from generally available information.

While the archival information presented within this report is not meant to be exhaustive, what was found in libraries, archives, and online sources provides a wealth of information on the PORTS farmsteads and the families who lived there, including deed records, photographs, census data, obituaries, probate court inventories, military records and much more. Records such as these can be enlightening and informative and provide accessible links to the past. The report provides a type of template for additional work that may be pursued by others, such as historians, genealogists and archaeologists, should they wish to learn more about the early families of Pike County.

A copy of the report is enclosed and can also be obtained at the Environmental Information Center by contacting 740-289-8898 or at [eic@wems-llc.com](mailto:eic@wems-llc.com). Additionally, an electronic copy can be found at <http://www.pppo.energy.gov/nhpa.html>.

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Lawson of my staff at (740) 897-2112.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure:

Historic Archival Resources and Their Availability for Historic-Era Sites at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Pike County, Ohio

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