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Mr. Robert Berry, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Berry:

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION 15-04: DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN AND FUNDING PROFILE FOR PORTSMOUTH GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT DECONTAMINATION & DECOMMISSIONING PROJECT

Reference: Letter from W. Henderson, II to J. Bradburne, "Portsmouth (PORTS) Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board EM SSAB (EM SSAB) Recommendation 15-04," dated July 9, 2015

This correspondence is written in response to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Environmental Management (EM) Portsmouth Site Specific Advisory Board (PORTS SSAB) Recommendation 15-04.

DOE EM is funded on an annual basis and those dollars are allocated to clean up sites that were impacted from five decades of nuclear weapons development and government-sponsored nuclear energy research. The PORTS SSAB Recommendation 15-04 calls for a plan and a funding profile for the Decontamination and Decommissioning (D&D) Project at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Piketon, Ohio. DOE has developed a plan in the form of a D&D Project Lifecycle Baseline and will continue to communicate with the SSAB on its plans as the D&D Project continues. The lifecycle baseline is a project planning document. Funding assumptions or estimates in the plan do not reflect obligations or commitments for definitive funding requests to Congress, but are used in the Department's internal development of the field request for funding to DOE Headquarters on an annual basis.

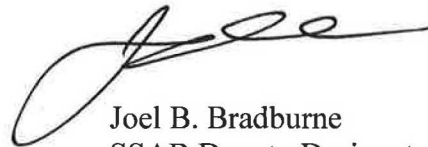
As requested, DOE can demonstrate how the lifecycle baseline supports aspects of the community's future use goals. For example, the lifecycle baseline assumes exhumation of existing landfills and plumes within Perimeter Road, which aligns with the community's desire to have that property available for reindustrialization when the cleanup program is complete.

The uranium inventory has been an asset in recent years to provide the Portsmouth site an additional revenue stream in addition to annual appropriations from Congress. DOE will continue to work internally and with Congress on Portsmouth's funding profile and will develop solutions in the context of EM's priorities across the complex.

DOE agrees that a plan is important in the efficient management of the D&D Project and that interaction with the community throughout the project is paramount in working well together. DOE accepts, in part, PORTS SSAB Recommendation 15-04 and will continue to inform stakeholders of DOE's plan and activities that could have impacts on the community's future use goals.

As always, thank you for your continued work efforts toward D&D of the Portsmouth site. Your involvement is recognized and appreciated.

Sincerely,



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