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Mr. Ben Peterson, Chair
Paducah Citizens Advisory Board
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Dear Mr. Peterson:

**RESPONSE TO THE PADUCAH CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
RECOMMENDATION 13-08: IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY AND COST BENEFITS BY
INITIATING IMMEDIATE DECONTAMINATION AND DECOMMISSIONING USING
CURRENT WORKFORCE**

Reference: Letter from R. Young to R. Blumenfeld, "Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PGDP) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Approved Recommendation 13-08," dated July 22, 2013

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is in receipt of the Paducah Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Consensus Recommendation 13-08 Importance of Safety and Cost Benefits by Initiating Immediate Decontamination and Decommissioning (D&D) Using Current Workforce.

DOE appreciates the CAB's desire for a safe, prompt, and efficient D&D of the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PGDP). DOE recognizes the value, from a safety, efficiency and cost standpoint, of having a trained and knowledgeable workforce perform the D&D work. As outlined in DOE's response to CAB recommendation 13-04, the funding for D&D is subject to Congressional appropriations. Currently, DOE is working to establish potential funding, timing, and regulatory scenarios for the D&D of the PGDP.

We will continue to keep the CAB apprised as planning for turnover and D&D of the PGDP progresses.

DOE appreciates the CAB's continued commitment to the ongoing and expeditious cleanup of the Site. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Buz Smith at (270) 441-6821.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rachel H. Blumenfeld".

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