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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 13-09: DOE REQUEST AN EXTENSION FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSED PLAN FOR THE WASTE DISPOSAL ALTERNATIVES EVALUATION DUE OCTOBER 20, 2013**

Reference: Letter from B. Peterson to R. Blumenfeld, "Recommendation 13-09: DOE request an extension for the submission of the Proposed Plan for the Waste Disposal Alternatives Evaluation due October 20, 2013," dated September 19, 2013

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is in receipt of the Paducah Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation 13-09 (reference): The CAB recommends that DOE request an extension of 90-180 days for the date to submit the Proposed Plan for the Waste Disposition Alternatives (WDA) Evaluation due October 20, 2013. The status of the WDA project at the time the CAB submitted its recommendation precluded DOE's ability to request an extension for submitting the Proposed Plan. Specifically, DOE was unable to request an extension for submitting the Proposed Plan until the regulatory agencies completed their review of the WDA Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS).

The regulatory review of the RI/FS has taken longer than originally anticipated under the WDA project schedule. DOE received the final set of regulatory comments on the WDA RI/FS on March 19, 2014. Based on the review period for the RI/FS, the due date for submitting the Proposed Plan has been extended to May 9, 2014. Efforts to resolve regulatory comments may result in additional extensions to the Proposed Plan due date. DOE will continue to discuss the status of the WDA Project with the CAB Waste Disposal Options Subcommittee as the project progresses.

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

Sincerely,



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