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

### **RESPONSE TO THE PADUCAH CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATION 14-01: MAXIMIZING SAFETY BY PROMPTLY ISSUING A NOTICE TO PROCEED**

Reference: Letter from B. Peterson to R. Blumenfeld, "Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PGDP) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Consensus Recommendation 14-01," dated March 20, 2014

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is in receipt of the Paducah Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation 14-01 (reference) recommending that DOE issue a Notice to Proceed for a new contractor under the Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) process by June 30, 2014.

The procurement process to select a new IDIQ contractor is strictly regulated by statute, the Federal Acquisition Regulations, and internal agency policies, including the DOE Acquisition Regulation and the DOE Acquisition Guide. The Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PGDP) IDIQ solicitation, issued August 9, 2013, is a very high priority for DOE, and DOE is making every effort to expedite the IDIQ process while maintaining compliance with procurement requirements. While DOE would like to commit to a specific date, the procurement process ultimately determines the schedule for the award.

DOE remains committed to a transition process and future D&D of the PGDP that is safe and compliant with all applicable laws and regulations. DOE appreciates the CAB's continued commitment to the ongoing and expeditious cleanup of the PGDP.

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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