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Mr. Ben Peterson, Chair
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Dear Mr. Peterson:

**RESPONSE TO THE PADUCAH CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
RECOMMENDATION 14-02: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FUNDING
PRIORITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET**

Reference: Letter from B. Peterson to R. Blumenfeld, "Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PGDP) Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Consensus Recommendation 14-02," dated May 16, 2014

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is in receipt of the Paducah Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Recommendation 14-02 concerning DOE Funding Priorities (reference).

DOE appreciates the CAB's recommendation for full funding to address the 2016 Integrated Priorities List (IPL). The Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office (PPPO) has developed the fiscal year (FY) 2016 IPL and has submitted the IPL to DOE Headquarters (HQ) for review. DOE HQ will ensure the IPL is in alignment with Departmental priorities and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance prior to submitting the Department's FY 2016 request to OMB. We have expressed the community's support for full funding of the IPL activities to HQ.

The budget request will allow the site to continue base operations, meet enforceable milestones, perform de-lease and deactivation activities and maintain depleted uranium hexafluoride operations. The PPPO budget requests to HQ for FY 2016 and follow-on years will continue to identify funding for all activities on the IPL.

DOE appreciates the CAB's continued commitment to the safe, compliant, and cost effective cleanup of the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant site.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Robert Smith of my staff at (270) 441-6821.

Sincerely,



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