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Dear Mr. Henderson and Mr. Francis:

**RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION 14-01: PORTSMOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD REQUESTS DEPARTMENT
OF ENERGY AGGRESSIVELY PURSUE THE EXPANSION OF THE ASSET
RECOVERY PROGRAM**

Reference: Letter from W. Henderson and V. Francis to J. Bradburne, "Recommendation 14-01: Portsmouth (PORTS) Environmental Management (EM) Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) Continued Support of Asset Recovery," dated March 6, 2014

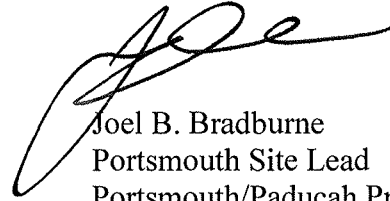
This correspondence is written as a response to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Environmental Management (EM) Portsmouth Site Specific Advisory Board (PORTS SSAB) Recommendation 14-01. The Department agrees with the SSAB that the Asset Recovery Program has been very successful to date. The measures of this success are avoidance of waste disposition costs, offset of certain DOE costs associated with making the assets available, minimizing the amount of waste that DOE might otherwise place in landfills, and the Southern Ohio Diversification Initiative (SODI) making the proceeds from the sale of the assets available for economic development projects in the local area.

With regard to the SSAB recommendation to expand the Asset Recovery Program, DOE plans to continue and, will consider the recommendation to expand, the Program. As part of this consideration, DOE must weigh the benefits to the government, the site, the community and the taxpayer and must consider the availability of the limited appropriated funding to support the Program. DOE takes very seriously its obligation to be a good steward of the environment and minimize the waste streams that would otherwise end up in a landfill. As I hope is evidenced by this Program and DOE's numerous interactions with the community, DOE is committed to and looks forward to continuing this successful Program.

I want to thank the SSAB for the importance it places on environmental stewardship and sound decision-making as the decontamination and decommissioning (D&D) project moves toward completion. Further, I want to thank the SSAB on its commendable work and dedication to our community.

If you have any questions please contact me at (740) 897-3822 or Greg Simonton of my staff at (740) 897-3737.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Bradburne', written over the typed name.

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