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Dear Sirs:

### **RECOMMENDATION 15-02: PORTSMOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD INPUT REGARDING REINDUSTRIALIZATION AND ASSET RECOVERY AT THE PORTSMOUTH GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT**

This correspondence is written in response to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Environmental Management (EM) Portsmouth Site Specific Advisory Board (PORTS SSAB) Recommendation 15-02.

DOE recognizes the community's desire to reindustrialize the PORTS property and will continue to be mindful of that end state vision as key decisions are made on the Portsmouth Decontamination and Decommissioning (D&D) Project. To date, DOE's remedies have been influenced by a community engagement process that has been beneficial to all parties, including regulatory decisions on process building D&D and waste disposition.

As you know, DOE is required to manage the D&D program in a cost-effective manner, and in accordance with applicable federal law, and each asset recovery project must be justifiable when considering the value of materials, the cost to capture them, and the community benefit. As part of the Asset Transition Agreement with the Southern Ohio Diversification Initiative (SODI), DOE transfers certain personal property to SODI at less than fair market value. The money received from SODI, as part of this asset sale, is used to offset the costs of the sale of the assets to SODI, as permitted by law. DOE will continue to look for opportunities to execute asset recovery projects that are attractive to DOE for footprint reduction and the community for economic development activities.

Although DOE cannot commit to a return of the dollars to SODI, DOE partially accepts the recommendation and will work with the SSAB and other stakeholders to identify asset recovery projects. Further, DOE will evaluate future contracts and incentive packages to determine where asset recovery activities would be appropriate. As always, thank you for your efforts and your willingness to be an advocate for the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joel B. Bradburne".

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