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**RECOMMENDATION: Reindustrialization and Asset Recovery Supports
Community Impact**

BACKGROUND: In 2008, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Environmental Management (EM) Portsmouth Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) was organized to assist DOE with decisions related to the decontamination and decommissioning (D&D) of the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant and other environmental restoration efforts.

Since that time, various subject matter experts from DOE and site contractors have educated SSAB board members on various aspects of D&D, waste disposition, potential future reuse, current events and other plant activities. The SSAB would like to formally thank the department and its partners for its efforts to provide the SSAB with the information needed to make decisions on these complex and multi-faceted issues.

The Portsmouth site is poised for redevelopment and offers existing, unique assets and resources that can contribute to a successful economic future for southern Ohio. Reuse of the Portsmouth site is an important component of a plan to create a network for manufacturing innovation in Ohio and strengthen the region's ability to serve as a hub for alternative energy and environmental technology industries.

With this recommendation related to reindustrialization and asset recovery, the SSAB wants to give clear indication to DOE of the board's intentions when it comes to a future vision for the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Portsmouth SSAB recommends DOE make redevelopment of the Portsmouth site a priority in its decision-making related to the Portsmouth D&D project. With that end in mind, it is imperative that DOE include Reindustrialization and Asset Recovery in the scope of the PORTS D&D project and provide incentives through award fee for the contractor to perform this important piece of the cleanup project. Likewise, all PORTS D&D subcontracts should include language describing the Reindustrialization and Asset Recovery program to ensure all work being performed is compatible with the reuse goals for the site.

Successful implementation of the Reindustrialization and Asset Recovery Program at PORTS requires collaboration with the community. The DOE-recognized Community Reuse Organization, the Southern Ohio Diversification Initiative (SODI), has an existing agreement with DOE to reuse or recycle assets from the Portsmouth site. These efforts have allowed \$600,000 in grants to be awarded to economic development projects in the four-county area. Per the requirements of the agreement, DOE has received more than \$2.4M of the proceeds from SODI.

DOE should provide adequate funding to continue this worthwhile program by returning the \$2.4M to SODI in the form of a grant specifically for the implementation of the Reindustrialization and Asset Recovery Program.