



**U.S. Department of Energy
Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office**

APPLICATION OF A CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX)

Brief Description of the Action that has been categorically excluded: (indicate the site, location (e.g., building number), and describe the action in 1-3 sentences.

DOE proposes to convey the infrastructure, land, and facilities on an ~ 80 acre parcel of the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PORTS) real property that is referred to as Parcel 1. The conveyance would be to the Southern Ohio Diversification Initiative (SODI) for the lease/license term for economic development purposes. Activities proposed in the conveyance term include development of plans for property development/design, to conduct marketing and marketing research activities for potential future industries, and to establish a commercial laboratory to serve regional needs on a portion of the property. The land and its associated infrastructure assets are located in the southeast portion of PORTS, adjacent to Perimeter Road and Hewes Street.

Number and Title of the Categorical Exclusions Applied: 10 CFR 1021, Appendix B to Subpart D:

B1.24 Property transfers (for the lease, if needed)

The regulatory requirements from 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Section 410(B) have been met by the proposed action.

Determination:

The proposed action was reviewed and was determined to fit within the specified class of actions found at 10 CFR 1021, Appendices A and B to Subpart D.

Date CX applied: August 2016

CX applied by: (mark indicating who applied the CX)

NEPA Compliance Officer X

Program Office _____