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PPPO-03-183-09

Dear Sirs:

RECOMMENDATION 09-03: ACCELERATED DECONTAMINATION AND DECOMMISSIONING AT THE PORTSMOUTH SITE

The purpose of this letter is to respond to the Portsmouth Environmental Management (EM) Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) Recommendation 09-03. The Recommendation is as follows, "The Portsmouth EM SSAB recommends the implementation of accelerated D&D and remediation schedule for the Portsmouth site and the funding to make that happen."

We are pleased to re-affirm the Department of Energy's (DOE) commitment to continue to work with the Portsmouth EM SSAB, the regulators, and other stakeholders throughout the Portsmouth cleanup process. On April 14, 2009 the Secretary of Energy advised Governor Strickland, Senator Brown, Senator Voinovich, and Congressional representatives that DOE's Request for Proposals will be revised to emphasize accelerated completion of the Portsmouth decontamination and decommissioning (D&D) and remediation project.

We appreciate the time and attention that the volunteer members of the EM SSAB have devoted to participate in the Portsmouth cleanup process. We value the EM SSAB's independent perspectives and local insights, and we look forward to continue working with the EM SSAB and other stakeholders as the Portsmouth cleanup progresses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. R. Kozlowski".

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