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Dear Sirs:

PORTSMOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATION 10-03: PROPOSED REQUEST FOR A COMPREHENSIVE ENGINEERING EVALUATION FOR CONSTRUCTING AN ASSET RECOVERY FACILITY AT THE PORTSMOUTH RESERVATION FOR RECYLING METALS FROM DECONTAMINATION AND DECOMMISSIONING USING A MELTING/SMELTER PROCESS

I am writing in response to Recommendation 10-03 dated May 6, 2010. The input contained in Recommendation 10-03 from the Portsmouth Environmental Management (EM) Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) is both timely and helpful to the Department of Energy (DOE) as DOE works to address the many complex issues associated with planning and performing the Portsmouth Decontamination and Decommissioning (D&D) project.

As noted in Recommendation 10-03, the Portsmouth D&D project will generate a tremendous amount of material that will require a disposition pathway. Much of that material will consist of metal that may have potential for size reduction and melting. As the Portsmouth D&D project moves forward, DOE will evaluate various alternatives to accomplish our mission. Size reduction and melting of metals will be given consideration as DOE develops and evaluates alternatives for performing the Portsmouth D&D project.

I appreciate the work of the Portsmouth EM Site Specific Advisory Board and look forward to working on this and other issues as we move forward.

Sincerely,

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