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Dear Sirs:

RECOMMENDATION 10-01: REQUEST FOR AN END USE STUDY FOR THE PORTSMOUTH GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT

This correspondence is in response to Recommendation 10-01 dated April 15, 2010. The input of the Portsmouth Environmental Management (EM) Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) is welcomed and the insight of its membership regarding the complex issues associated with the Portsmouth Decontamination and Decommissioning (D&D) project is valued.

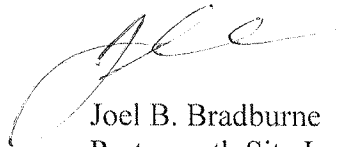
Recommendation 10-01 recommends the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) utilize an Ohio-based institution of higher learning to conduct a community-wide End Use Study. DOE accepts this recommendation and has taken steps to implement this concept in its planning. As a result, on June 3, 2010, DOE awarded a \$500,000 DOE grant to the Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs at Ohio University (OU-V). This grant is being used to fund a community-driven effort to identify alternatives to the end use of the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant. The project includes designing and conducting a widespread, community-based discussion of the remediation scenarios. Accordingly, public outreach is being used to gather information from the community through surveys, focus groups, and attendance at local fairs and festivals. In addition, community visioning teams will work to create a vision for the site.

As always, the Portsmouth EM SSAB is encouraged to engage as a group and individually with the staff of OU-V on the project. SSAB members' community involvement activities provide an in-depth understanding of the local community's core values for future uses of the DOE site and the direction the DOE EM cleanup program should take.

Also, the members' continued participation in the outreach efforts of the DOE Portsmouth site is critical. By being involved in the outreach efforts, members ensure that local viewpoints and concerns are taken into consideration by DOE as program decisions are made.

I appreciate your support for the Portsmouth site mission and look forward to working with the Portsmouth EM SSAB in the future.

Sincerely,

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