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Dear Ms. Clayton:

**RESPONSE TO CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATION 10-05,
LETTER DATED JULY 21, 2010: FURTHER PATH TO INCREASE PUBLIC
EDUCATION BY HOLDING A PUBLIC MEETING AT HEATH HIGH SCHOOL
CONCERNING WASTE DISPOSAL OPTIONS**

This letter is in response to the Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Consensus Recommendation 10-05: **"The Citizens Advisory Board recommends DOE continue their public education effort by soon conducting the planned public meeting at Heath High School. Such a meeting would ensure that those most affected by a potential CERCLA cell have access to information and materials with which to educate themselves about the impacts associated with construction of such a cell in a venue that is comfortable and proximate to those living nearest the PGDP site. Further, the CAB recommends:**

- 1. That informational fliers be mailed to those living in homes in the immediate neighborhood of the PGDP site, so those closest to the area are certain to be informed of the date and time of the public meeting.**
- 2. That attendees be given the opportunity to voice their opinion as to whether they are in favor of a cell and, if so, at which of the four possible locations.**
- 3. That the public comments received at the Heath High School meeting be compiled and communicated to the CAB.**

The CAB would like to commend the Department of Energy on their work to educate the public about waste disposal options at the PGDP site up to now and believes it is of vital importance to the community that these efforts continue."

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) realizes the importance of keeping the public informed regarding the site environmental remediation and decontamination and decommissioning efforts and values public input into those matters. As such, DOE accepts the recommendation and is currently setting up the next public informational session on waste disposal options which will be held in the vicinity of the plant in 2011.

The goal of the next Public Information Session is to educate the public on the waste disposal options at the site. Those options include offsite disposal, onsite disposal, and no change. For the onsite disposal option, DOE is still gathering site-specific information to evaluate whether it is feasible to construct a waste cell in accordance with applicable state and federal regulations

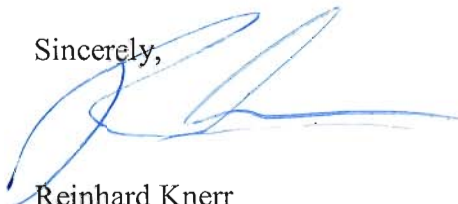
and requirements. Consistent with past practices, DOE will mail informational fliers to residents located in the vicinity of the site and advertise the time, date, and locations of the next public informational session.

At the informational session, DOE will provide opportunities for those attending to express their opinions, including feedback regarding any potential locations, through the use of personal opinion surveys and/or interacting with the site staff. As in past meetings, the results of the surveys and feedback will be compiled and shared with the CAB.

DOE appreciates the CAB for their work, their interest in expediting work, and their continued support for continued enhancement of interaction among DOE, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Kentucky Division for Waste Management on behalf of the environmental management mission in Paducah.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Buz Smith at (270) 441-6821.

Sincerely,



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