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Dear Sirs:

PORTSMOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATION 11-02A: ADDENDUM TO THE ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATION OF 11-02; CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY FOR DOE AND COMMUNITY NEEDS

Reference: Letter from R. Snyder and V. Francis to J. Bradburne, "Recommendation 11-02-A: Addendum to the Original Recommendation 11-02: The Construction of a Multi-Purpose Facility for DOE and Community Needs," dated December 9, 2011

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) would like to thank the Environmental Management (EM) Portsmouth Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) for Recommendation 11-02A, which requests a partnership among DOE, DOE contractors, the SSAB, and the Community Reuse Organization (CRO) – the Southern Ohio Diversification Initiative (SODI) – for the construction of a multi-purpose facility that would meet DOE and community needs.

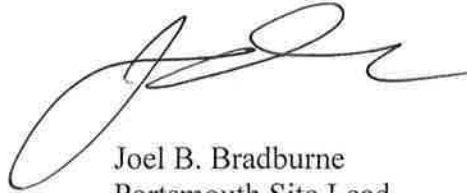
DOE would further like to thank the SSAB for being mindful of the funding constraints at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PORTS) and the board's enterprising approach to maximize resources. The SSAB recommendation is well thought out and requests DOE become a lease partner with the CRO.

Unfortunately, restrictions prohibit DOE from entering into the requested legal agreement and therefore cannot provide a letter-of-intent as requested in Recommendation 11-02A. However, like the SSAB, DOE is committed to the community having a lasting benefit after the completion of the decontamination and decommissioning (D&D) project at PORTS. That is why DOE is working with its contractors, the SSAB, the CRO, local officials, and other stakeholders to clearly define the community's future desires so the D&D project can be coordinated in a way that will be conducive for reindustrialization at PORTS.

The SSAB is to be commended for its efforts that resulted in Recommendation 11-02A. Although DOE is forbidden from such an arrangement, the SSAB's willingness to unite several community entities is evident and is an approach that will serve the community well as D&D progresses and critical decisions are made.

As always, this work from the SSAB is genuinely respected and appreciated. DOE looks forward to continuing its dialogue with the Portsmouth SSAB in order to meet mutual objectives. Thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Bradburne', with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

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