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RECOMMENDATION: SSAB Recommendation on Continued Investigation of a Potential On-Site Disposal Cell and Location

BACKGROUND: The Portsmouth SSAB holds the position that there is no overarching desire to have any waste retained on the plant site or within an on-site disposal cell. However, it is also understood that a number of ramifications must be considered when it comes to the method and type of disposal of waste created by the D&D process. These factors include cost, social economic considerations, time and schedule impacts, available funding considerations, and other various issues that can have far-reaching effects to the community.

This recommendation deals specifically with siting locations, but it should in no way be interpreted that the Portsmouth SSAB is in support of an on-site disposal cell at this time. There are a number of factors to be considered before a decision of such gravity can be made. However, based on information provided to the Portsmouth SSAB, the board is prepared to deliver a recommendation on siting locations of a *potential* on-site disposal facility.

In the interest of continued employment at the site and not impeding progress currently underway; The PORTS SSAB is agreeable to allowing future site assessment of Site D and Site C for their suitability for a potential disposal cell. We request all work take into account the following:

- 1. Fully capable of meeting all Federal Regulations associated with CERCLA and compliant with Ohio Law.
- 2. Allow for maximum disposal of and include consolidation of all existing landfills on site.
- 3. Considerate of cultural and historical items significant not only to our current culture but, previous cultures that have called Southern Ohio home. We request all items of potential importance be maintained and preserved for future generations in a manner commensurate and respectful of their composition (example: human remains should be treated respectfully and not just as artifacts.)
- 4. Siting must be considerate of the reindustrialization and marketability of the reservation in its entirety, not just individual parcels.
- 5. Socio-Economic factors must be considered.
- 6. Geological suitability

We encourage the current re-characterization effort underway to allow more recycling and reuse of high value materials and see this as a positive step in the direction of reducing any potential footprint of an onsite cell and providing much needed funding to support economic development efforts in the surrounding communities.

This recommendation is as an act of good faith on the part of the SSAB to work in coordination with the U. S. Department of Energy, Fluor B&W, Ohio EPA and the various subcontractors to continue their work associated with the CERCLA process. It is in no way to be viewed as an endorsement of an onsite disposal cell at this time.