

## **Department of Energy**

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Dear Sirs:

## RECOMMENDATION 09-02: OPPOSITION TO INTERIM SPENT FUEL NUCLEAR FUEL STORAGE

In response to your letter dated March 19, 2009, I would like to recognize the Portsmouth Environmental Management (EM) Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) for the input and recommendations that you are providing for the Department of Energy (DOE) EM missions at the Portsmouth Site.

With respect to your correspondence, we will take into account Recommendation 09-02 as the Portsmouth D&D Project planning continues. Also, I have forwarded a copy of Recommendation 09-02 to the DOE Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management. This DOE office is responsible for fulfilling the DOE's federal responsibilities for management of high level radioactive waste that Recommendation 09-02 addresses.

Once again, I appreciate your support for the Portsmouth Site EM SSAB projects. I look forward to working with the Portsmouth EM SSAB as we move forward with the important work ahead.

Sincerely,

David R. Kozlowski

Designated Deputy Federal Official Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office

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