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Mr. Richard Snyder, Chair  
Mr. Val Francis, Vice Chair  
Portsmouth EM Site Specific Advisory Board  
1862 Shyville Road  
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Dear Sirs:

### **SITE SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENATION ON CONTINUED INVESTIGATION OF A POTENTIAL ON-SITE DISPOSAL CELL AND LOCATION**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) would like to thank the Portsmouth Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) for its recommendation on siting locations for a potential on-site disposal cell, as well as all of the work by board members on the community's behalf.

Your recommendation for further investigation of sites C and D has allowed for important geo-technical work to occur while making progress toward a waste disposition alternative decision. Also, during the performance of the required work, DOE has taken into account the criteria outlined in the recommendation.

DOE is aware the community is interested in maximizing recycling for multiple reasons, including the reduction of waste volume to limit the size of a potential on-site disposal facility. Recycling efforts are ongoing and DOE continually investigates strategies that will help it maximize its resources.

Thank you again for your recommendation, and we look forward to continuing our work with the community on establishing a waste disposition pathway.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joel B. Bradburne".

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