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**RECOMMENDATION 11-02-A: ADDENDUM TO THE ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATION OF 11-02; CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY FOR DOE AND COMMUNITY NEEDS**

We thank you for your response to Recommendation 11-02 and appreciate the Department of Energy's (DOE) position concerning funding constraints. In light of the current budget reductions and the unsure funding climate in which the Department of Energy will be operating in the foreseeable future, we are altering our recommendation and placing the responsibility for funding and development from DOE to the Community Reuse Organization (CRO), The Southern Ohio Diversification Initiative (SODI), or other private entities for such a multi-use facility.

The members of the Portsmouth (PORTS) Environmental Management (EM) Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB), regional elected officials of the surrounding counties (Pike, Ross, Scioto and Jackson) and elected officials of the surrounding municipalities stand together and speak as one clear voice. We fully support the concept of having SODI work closely with DOE and Fluor B&W to design a suitable offsite location to meet a majority of the offsite housing requirements for support staff and meeting space during the D&D process.

SODI has applied for a \$4 million grant to construct a state-of-the-art multi-use complex. It has operating capital/collateral and access to a multi-million dollar line of credit. The SODI board has made it clear it is willing to finance, design, construct and act as landlord of this facility. The requirement it lacks is a letter-of-intent and lease agreement from DOE and its supporting contractors. All off-site requirements for staff will not be accommodated inside this new complex, but the facility can be constructed in such a manner to allow the placement of additionally required commercial trailers to accommodate additional offsite needs to be co-located on the property and tied into the utilities of the new complex. The multi-use facility could be completed and ready for occupancy in the short window of 8-12 months. This timeline is keeping within the range provided to us by the prime contractor at the site of when it perceives the need for offsite space.

The members of the PORTS EM SSAB, as members of the surrounding community, desire a lasting benefit well after the cleanup operations conclude and the re-development phase begins. We believe this latest concept will meet the end-goals of multiple community organizations, DOE and various contractors. This endeavor will not be without pitfalls or obstacles and will require flexibility and a renewed commitment of all interested parties to work together to accomplish these goals.



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