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Dear Sirs:

### **RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION 15-01: COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROVISIONS FOR ALL FUTURE SITE RELATED CONTRACTS AND SUBCONTRACTS AT PIKETON**

Reference: Letter from W. Henderson, II and V. Francis to J. Bradburne, "Recommendation 15-01: Community Investment Provisions for all Future Site Related Contracts and Subcontracts at Piketon," dated November 6, 2014

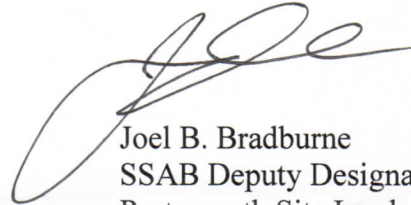
This correspondence is written in response to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Environmental Management (EM) Portsmouth Site Specific Advisory Board (PORTS SSAB) Recommendation 15-01. DOE recognizes the impact site contractors can have on the communities they serve while performing work for the federal government. As you noted, DOE has incorporated community relations and investment plans as deliverables in contracts across the EM complex and agrees they can play a role in community development.

Of course, all government contracts are unique with different sets of circumstances driving different requirements. While these variables can influence what would constitute an appropriate community investment plan, DOE agrees that these elements should be considered, as appropriate, when Requests for Proposals (RFPs) are issued and the subsequent contracts are established.

DOE generally supports the PORTS SSAB recommendation and, to the extent appropriate and consistent with the Federal Acquisitions Regulations, we will consider impacts to the local economy and business community when developing future contracts. DOE will also include community commitment plans in the RFP process, as appropriate. DOE will continue to work with its contractors to consider employment continuity, regional purchasing, community support and educational outreach within their community commitment plans. Unfortunately, we cannot agree to the specific language dealing with the workforce in your recommendation. DOE RFPs dealing with such matters are complicated and subject to many complex legal and contractual provisions within our contracts. However, we will continue to address the intent of the recommendation during the development of our RFPs to the extent appropriate.

As always, I would like to thank the PORTS SSAB for its cooperative approach to the Decontamination and Decommissioning program at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant and its conscientious efforts to represent the local community.

Sincerely,



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