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Dear Sirs:

RECOMMENDATION 10-02: REQUEST FOR INTEGRATING THE COMMUNITIES CORE VALUES AND LONG-TERM GOALS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

This correspondence is in response to Recommendation 10-02 dated May 6, 2010. The input of the Portsmouth Environmental Management (EM) Site Specific Advisory Board (SSAB) is welcomed and the insight of its membership regarding the complex issues associated with the Portsmouth Decontamination and Decommissioning (D&D) project is valued.

Recommendation 10-02 recommends integrating the community's core values and long-term goals for economic development in Southern Ohio with regard to opportunities associated with advanced energy and environmental projects as an end-use objective, and with regard to related U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) EM and D&D planning activities. DOE accepts this recommendation and has implemented a variety of initiatives to ascertain the community's core values and long-term goals.

Besides establishing the EM SSAB, DOE also conducts routine public meetings where local citizens are encouraged to express their opinions on a variety of issues related to the Portsmouth site, including long-term goals for economic development. DOE also partners with the local Community Reuse Organization – the Southern Ohio Diversification Initiative (SODI) – on reindustrialization. In addition, DOE works with SODI on recycling efforts that provide significant financial benefit to SODI for community reinvestment, including opportunities for long-term reindustrialization at the Portsmouth site.

Likewise, community relations plans have been developed and implemented for both the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) Director's Final Findings and Orders (DFFOs) and previous regulatory agreements.

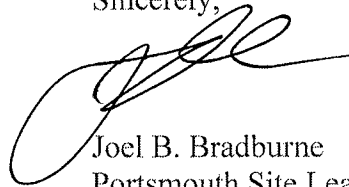
In support of the plans to integrate local community values for economic development, DOE has entered into a contractual agreement with the Ohio University Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs (OU-V). A primary task of the OU-V project is the identification of the local community's long-term goals for future uses of the DOE site. To accomplish its work, OU-V

will interface with a broad cross section of the community to gain a comprehensive understanding of the local vision for end uses of the DOE site.

As always, the Portsmouth EM SSAB is encouraged to engage as a group and individually with the staff of OU-V on the project. SSAB members' community involvement activities provide an in-depth understanding of the local community's core values for future uses of the DOE site and the direction the DOE EM cleanup program should take.

I appreciate your support for the Portsmouth site mission and look forward to working with the Portsmouth EM SSAB in the future.

Sincerely,



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