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RE: Ohio EPA Concurrence with the US DOE Portsmouth Community Relations Plan

Dear Madame and Sir:

Ohio EPA has completed the review of US DOE’s response to comments pertaining to the Community Relations Plan submitted in accordance with the requirements of the Director’s Final Findings and Orders for the Removal Action and Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study and Remedial Design and Remedial Action for the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant. The response to comments and revisions made to the plan are acceptable, thus Ohio EPA concurs with the plan. However, US DOE is reminded that it is of the utmost importance to have a well informed and educated SSAB in order to make well thought out recommendations to US DOE in a timely manner. While we agree that it is not necessary to require the SSAB to provide specific input to all technical documents, it will be necessary for the SSAB to have a clear understanding of the remedial process in order to know what documents or projects will require their input.

If you have any questions regarding the correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact me at 740-380-5289.

Sincerely,

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