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Mr. Jeff Crane
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Mr. Michael V. Welch, P.E.
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Dear Mr. Crane and Mr. Welch:

INFORMAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION FOR THE NORTH-SOUTH DIVERSION DITCH PROJECT, PADUCAH GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT, PADUCAH, KENTUCKY

On December 8, 2000, the Department of Energy (DOE) invoked informal dispute resolution on the North-South Diversion Ditch based on (1) whether to conduct this project under DOE's removal action authority or the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) remedial action authority and (2) the timeliness of DOE's establishment of the project's administrative record.

DOE received the EPA's letter dated December 20, 2000, setting forth EPA's position that all requirements for establishing the administrative record for this project have been fulfilled, and that therefore, the project should proceed as a remedial action. Having received the forgoing analysis for the record, DOE agrees to the resolution of this dispute and will proceed with this project under the remedial action process.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please call David W. Dollins at (270) 441-6819.

Sincerely,

W. Don Seaborg, Site Manager
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