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DOE Plans Workshop to Assess Paducah Plant Interest

PADUCAH, KY. – The U.S. Department of Energy’s (DOE) Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office is sponsoring a two-day Commercial Industry Workshop in Paducah at the Julian Carroll Convention Center July 31 and August 1.

DOE is taking this first step to determine commercial interest either in continuing to enrich uranium at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant or using all or part of the plant facilities for other commercial purposes, particularly reuse and reindustrialization. Non-DOE governmental entities interested in using some or all of the plant facilities are encouraged to attend the workshop.

The United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC) currently leases the plant from DOE to enrich uranium. In the next few years, USEC may return most or all of the plant to DOE and terminate the lease. If that happens, other private industry may have the opportunity to lease or buy the plant or land to continue enriching uranium or commercially use buildings, warehouses, machine shops, utilities, and other facilities.

The workshop will be open to business and government entities only. Attendees will receive an overview and technical discussion on the potentially available Paducah plant facilities, land, and personal property. A plant tour will follow for as many as two representatives from each business or organization. They must verify they are U.S. citizens. Attendees will also have an opportunity to talk individually with DOE representatives.

Those interested in participating must RSVP to Robert “Buz” Smith of DOE at Robert.smith@lex.doe.gov by Thursday July 5th. RSVPs should indicate if companies and governmental entities are interested in one-on-one meetings.

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