



## Portsmouth Paducah Project Office

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for your continued patience as we navigate the complexities associated with our current work environment. I especially want to thank the mission essential employees that have continued to perform critical tasks to keep PPPO sites safe, compliant and functioning during this time. On May 7, the Secretary of Energy provided overarching guidance for DOE leadership to consider in the development of departmental/site facility plans for a safe return to of federal employees and onsite contractors to occur in three phases. As EM sites across the DOE complex are beginning to return to work I want to share an update from the Portsmouth Paducah Project Office. PPPO and our contractors are formally working plans for a deliberate and phased approach to safely resuming full operations that moves us from our current posture toward more normal operations, utilizing guidelines provided by the White House, DOE senior leadership and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The approach will be based on a risk analysis that considers several factors, including available health data, state and local restrictions and facility preparedness.

The top priority at PPPO is the health and safety of employees at our sites. Each phase of the return to work plans prioritizes employee safety and well-being. Once PPPO's plans have been approved by DOE HQ senior management you will be notified by your respective employers of return to work dates and details.

I appreciate your resilience during this challenging time and look forward to returning with you to our "new" normal.

Robert

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