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Dear Dr. Snyder:

**TRANSMITTAL OF THE SUMMARY REPORT OF HISTORIC-ERA
ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES WITHIN THE PORTSMOUTH GASEOUS
DIFFUSION PLANT, PIKE COUNTY, OHIO (RSI/PORTS-228)**

Enclosed for your information is the report "*Summary Report of Historic-Era Archaeological Resources within the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant, Pike County, Ohio*" (RSI/PORTS-228).

The enclosed report was prepared to summarize the archaeological surveys of historic-era sites that were conducted at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PORTS) beginning in 1996 and concluding in 2012. The surveys, which were performed by a number of professional archaeological firms, identified numerous sites including farmsteads, house sites, churches, cemeteries, and a school. Copies of the individual reports of these surveys are located at <http://www.pppo.energy.gov/nhpa.html>. While individual reports are necessary, they do not provide the broad perspective suited to overall interpretation of a resource. The enclosed Historic-Era Summary Report was prepared to offer that broader perspective and context. We also intended that the report could be used by the interested or general public to learn more about the PORTS site's history.

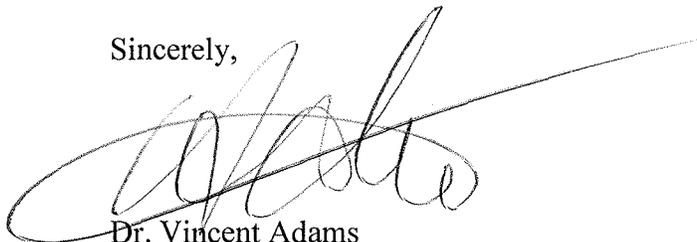
The Summary Report consolidates the extensive information gathered on the historic-era sites, providing a concise resource as well as a valuable comprehensive interpretive document. The PORTS historic-era archaeological resource summary offers a unique opportunity to link the abundance of the existing archaeological data presented in a series of archaeological survey reports with historical documentation in an effort to learn about life in rural southern Ohio from the late 1700's to the middle of the 20th century. Life on the farmsteads, in the house sites, schools and churches was abruptly interrupted by the United States government with the acquisition of the land that comprises the PORTS reservation for national security purposes. The result of this action was ultimately the preservation of a large sample of various kinds of historic-era archaeological sites that date to the mid-nineteenth to mid-twentieth centuries. The evaluation performed during this extensive investigation has documented abundant, high-quality information. Future researchers could use this existing data to develop a model of rural life in southern Ohio, or to use the data to better understand the actual people who lived in these places

and how they were tied together through the many kinds of familial, economic, and social relationships that form the structure of communities.

A copy of the reports is enclosed and can also be obtained at the Environmental Information Center by contacting 740-289-8898 or at eic@wems-llc.com. Additionally, an electronic copy can be found at <http://www.pppo.energy.gov/nhpa.html>.

If you have any questions please contact Amy Lawson of my staff at (740) 897-2112.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vincent Adams", written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Vincent Adams
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Enclosure:

Summary Report of Historic-Era Archaeological Resources within the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant, Pike County, Ohio (RSI/PORTS-228)

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