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Dear Chairman Selin,

We the undersigned individuals and groups support the Save the Wills Creek Water Resources Committee and Sherwood Bauman's request to reopen the public comment period for 10-CFR-76 Proposed Rules and Regulations (finding of no significant impact with regard to the Portsmouth and Paducah Facilities) for an additional period of 120 days. We believe that inadequate notice was given to interested parties and would call your attention to the fact that the index of the federal registry, which was the only notice given, arrived, in many cases, after the public comment period had closed.

As the first privatized former Department of Energy nuclear facility, we believe that the precedents you set for public involvement are extremely important. We find it appalling that such inadequate notice of your public comment period was given and are very disturbed by the implications it may have on other privatized sites. Given the wealth of data on worker and off-site contamination that is available about Portsmouth and Paducah, we have to wonder how serious your agency is in taking over responsibility for the health and safety of local residents.

We look forward to your favorable response to our request.

Sincerely,

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