RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE MCCRACKEN COUNTY FISCAL COURT IN SUPPORT OF PADUCAH GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT NUCLEAR WORKERS WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR THEIR MEDICAL BENEFITS AND COMPENSATION CLAIMS UNDER THE DOL EEOICPA

WHEREAS, since World War II, hundreds of thousands of men and women have served their Nation in building its nuclear defense that includes nuclear workers from McCracken County, Kentucky. In the course of their work, they overcame previously unimagined scientific and technical challenges. Thousands of these courageous Americans, however, paid a high price for their service, developing disabling or fatal illnesses as a result of exposure to beryllium, ionizing radiation, and other hazards unique to nuclear weapons production and testing. Too often, these workers were neither adequately protected from, nor informed of, the occupational hazards to which they were exposed; and

WHEREAS, in the late 1990's, the nuclear worker disclosures at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PGDP) led to the adoption of the Energy Employee Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA) administered by the Department of Labor (DOL) that provides sick nuclear workers at PGDP and across the nation with medical benefits and compensation for their illnesses incurred from exposures to radioactive contamination and toxic substances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MCCRACKEN COUNTY FISCAL COURT:

That the McCracken County Fiscal Court encourages any McCracken County sick nuclear worker (and family) to contact the offices of our Congressional delegation and request that their claims be given all due consideration under the EEOICPA statutes and regulations.

This is the 10th day of September 2012.

Van Newberry

McCracken County Judge Executive

Attest:

Pat Smith Fiscal Court Clerk