The Honorable Rick Perry
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

March 11, 2019

Dear Secretary Perry,

We write to bring to your attention the competitive application submitted by the Southern Ohio Diversification Initiative (SODI) for funding in the U.S. Industry Opportunities for Advanced Nuclear Technology Development, Advanced Reactor Development Projects grant program.

We understand that SODI seeks funding to develop an Early Site Permit (ESP) template applicable to Department of Energy (DOE) sites that envelope advanced reactors within a power plant envelope. SODI — in collaboration with Orano, Framatome, Southern Company, Duke Energy, and Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) — intends to use the DOE site in Piketon, Ohio, and will engage the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for a portability assessment, assess the infrastructure at the site, and harmonize the ESP with the current cleanup plans at the site.

Further, this project will provide recommendations for advanced reactors in an EPRI siting guide. It will also establish a liaison with NRC to assess current and past site licenses, harvest site data for ESP submittal, and generate a power plant envelope for advanced reactor technologies.

Please give all due consideration to this request. If there are any questions, please contact our offices. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Rob Portman  
U.S. Senator

Sherrod Brown  
U.S. Senator

Brad Wenstrup  
Member of Congress

Bill Johnson  
Member of Congress