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Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 6:19 AM
To: Patrick White; cclymer@mccrackencountyky.gov; Allison Finelli; Maegan Mansfield; Bruce Wilcox; gbray@paducahky.gov; Yvette Cantrell; Redfield, Myrna
Cc: Taylor Stevenson
Subject: Re: FYI on Protect McCracken Co website

Patrick,

Thank you for your response. The meetings have recently taken a different approach than what we had planned for when we started our discussions with you. We would not want to do anything that would impact you and your reputation. That's why I wanted to share with you what we had recently learned about this group.

We will regroup locally and continue discussions with GAIN, ECA and others including the KNEDA board.

We will be happy to reimburse you. I'll be back in touch about that.

We have great respect for you and I am disappointed we won't get to spend time with you next week.

We will talk again soon. We appreciate your advice and we will look at our next steps.

Sandra

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Hi Sandra,

Thank you for sending this over.

Unfortunately, after reviewing their webpage and additional research on the public discussions in Paducah around the proposed projects, I must let you know that I will be unable to participate in the meetings next week and will not be traveling to Paducah next week for the meetings.

I have incredible respect for the folks in Paducah and for our long-standing professional relationship, but the scope and implications of the meetings have grown far outside of our initial discussions about my role and participation in the meeting. I don't believe that we have a path to success for these meetings at this time.

Based on our initial discussions and the description of the requirements for the community meeting, I was expecting to present on:

- Advanced nuclear energy technologies,
- The nuclear energy ecosystem and supply chain, and
- The role and potential benefits of nuclear energy development for the community.
- What it means to be designated as a Nuclear-Ready Community.

These topics all aligned with previous "Nuclear 101" presentations that I have given in Paducah. I was happy to expand the scope of discussion to include the uranium enrichment and the licensing process. I believed that they would be similar in tone, audience, and feedback to the presentations that I gave in April 2024. I didn't know during our initial discussions that there were multiple organized community groups actively working to halt any new nuclear activities in Paducah.

This email and our discussions in the past few days have highlighted that these meetings and discussions will be substantially different from my previous engagements in Paducah. It's now very clear that there are several highly contentious on-going discussions in the community that will be expected to be discussed during this meeting specifically related to the existing site clean-up, data centers, on-going health impacts and cancer, and the political processes related to siting of the projects in Paducah despite any intent to focus the meeting on nuclear energy technology topics.

I am unqualified to answer questions on existing site clean-up, data centers, on-going health impacts and cancer, and the political processes related to the siting of the projects, and I will be unable to provide any appropriate answers. I believe that my inability to answer these questions and discuss the topics with the participants carries a significant professional reputation risk for me personally and does not contribute to an overall successful community engagement process in Paducah. Additionally, the announced plans by local groups to link my participation as an individual supporter of Paducah to my current and previous employers creates an organization reputation risk that I cannot take without explicit approval on my participation in this meeting with both organizations.

I sincerely apologize for the impact that this cancellation has for both you and the Nuclear Ready Community process, but I cannot participate at this time. I will not be requesting any reimbursements for any planned flights, and I am happy to reimburse you for any non-refundable costs associated with the lodgings you had booked for me.

It is my personal recommendation that you postpone the meeting and identify outside organizations with experience proactively building community engagement that can effectively support you in this process. I do not have any expertise and experience in this area, and creating a path forward will take deliberate planning and engagement. I am deeply concerned that rushing these meetings to achieve the Nuclear-

Ready Community Designation will not create a long-term path to success in Paducah and risks further catalyzing more opposition to new nuclear energy projects in McCracken County.

I believe that the community engagement experts at the Gateway for Accelerated Innovation in Nuclear (GAIN) would be able to provide guidance on planning next steps for engagement in Paducah and may be able to provide experts to support the public meeting requirement for the Nuclear-Ready Community Designation. GAIN is actively supporting engagement in northeastern KY and has some really innovative ideas on building community engagement as part of the Nuclear-Ready Community Designation process. This could include different meeting structures and community engagement strategies. I think that several of the questions raised by Protect McCracken Country group are legitimate and that any future community meetings should be prepared with appropriate experts to fully address them.

Tay Stevenson from GAIN and Envoy Public Labs is cc'd in this email. I have spoken with Tay, and he is ready and able to help with any near-term communication and strategy on postponing the meeting, as well as discussing potential longer-term strategy related to creating a pathway to success on the required public meetings and becoming a Nuclear-Ready Community.

Again, I deeply apologize for the challenges and embarrassment that my cancellation will cause for you. I am still incredibly supportive of you and all of your work in Paducah, and I am sorry that cannot participate at this time.

All the best,

Patrick White

Group Lead, Fusion, Safety and Regulation



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