

December 18, 2002

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SUBJECT: PADUCAH GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT CERTIFICATE AMENDMENT
REQUEST: CHANGES TO TECHNICAL SAFETY REQUIREMENT 3.9.1 AND
3.11.2 (TAC NO. L52478)

Dear Mr. Toelle:

We accepted your application dated June 26, 2002, to revise Technical Safety Requirements 3.9.1 and 3.11.2 for the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, by our letter dated July 26, 2002. Your request was assigned TAC No. L52478.

We noted in our acceptance letter that the technical review might identify omissions or technical issues that require additional information, and projected a target completion date of September 30, 2002. We also noted that the projected completion date could change depending on the findings of our technical review, urgent assignments, or other factors.

We issued an initial request for additional information (RAI) on August 29, 2002, following a conference call held on August 27, 2002. The U. S. Enrichment Corporation (USEC) responded to the initial RAI by letter dated October 1, 2002. Since then, a second conference call was held in which other additional information was requested. We have been informed that USEC plans to respond to this second request on January 3, 2003. We anticipate being able to close this case within 30 days of receiving a full and acceptable response to this second RAI. In the meantime, for administrative purposes only, we are closing TAC No. L52478 and will open a new TAC when your response is received.

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If you have any questions regarding these actions, I can be reached at (301) 415-7254.

Sincerely,

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