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December 15, 2004

Mr. J. Morris Brown Vice President - Operations United States Enrichment Corporation Two Democracy Center 6903 Rockledge Drive Bethesda, MD 20817

SUBJECT:

PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY (LICENSEE PERFORMANCE REVIEW)

PADUCAH GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT - DOCKET NO. 70-7001

Dear Mr. Brown:

This letter refers to the public meeting conducted on December 13, 2004, to discuss our review of your performance in conducting NRC-certified activities at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant. Your performance was evaluated in the areas of safety operations, radiological controls, facility support, and licensing activities covering the period from January 1, 2003 to September 25, 2004. The meeting also afforded you the opportunity to provide feedback to the NRC regarding your self assessment and perception of the NRC performance review. The meeting was beneficial and provided the NRC with an acceptable level of confidence regarding your plans to address those areas identified as needing improvement.

The names of participating attendees at the meeting and a copy of the presentations are enclosed.

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Should you have an questions concerning this letter, please contact me at 404-562-4731.

Sincerely, Jaya. Hanson

Jay L. Henson, Chief

Fuel Facility Inspection Branch 2 Division of Fuel Facility Inspection

Enclosures:

1. List of Participating Attendees

2. NRC Presentation

3. USEC - Paducah Presentation

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