

From: Matthew Blevins
To: Elisa Young
Date: 1/12/05 8:38AM
Subject: Re: NRC makes USEC Inc.'s Application and ER available to the public

Ms. Young,

I apologize for not replying sooner but I was out of town over the holidays. I am the responsible person to whom the public should send requests about the environmental review portion of USEC's application.

I believe there has been a misunderstanding as to the purpose of the scoping meeting. Scoping is directed at the NRC's environmental review process. There is a parallel process that evaluates the safety and security of USEC's proposal; this review will be documented in a Safety Evaluation Report. For this meeting, we do not expect the public to have completely reviewed the Environmental Report which is approximately 350 pages. One goal of scoping is to help identify issues early before we get too far into the review process. Specifically, scoping occurs early in the environmental review process and provides a means by which the scope of issues to be addressed in the environmental review are identified. Objectives of the scoping process include:

- Defining the scope of the proposed action that is to be the subject of the EIS;
- Determining the scope of the EIS and identifying alternatives and significant issues to be analyzed in depth;
- Identifying, and eliminating from detailed study, issues that are peripheral or are not significant;
- Identifying any EAs and other EISs that are being or will be prepared that are related to the EIS under consideration;
- Identifying other environmental review and consultation requirements related to the proposed action;
- Indicating the relationship between the timing of the environmental analyses and the NRC's tentative planning and decision making schedule;
- Identifying any additional cooperating agencies and, as appropriate, allocating assignments for preparation and schedules for completion of the EIS to the NRC and any cooperating agencies; and
- Describing the means by which the EIS will be prepared, including any contractor assistance to be used.

As you can see the scoping process has many parts. What the NRC hopes to gain from the public scoping meeting next week in Piketon is any additional information from the local public related to environmental issues of local concern, other alternatives, or other information/topics that local citizens feel is important for the NRC to consider in the environmental review. It is imperative that we have this meeting soon so we may fully consider any "new" issues. After we complete our initial review, we will publish a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS). This DEIS will contain a thorough analysis of the environmental impacts of USEC's proposed action, the no-action alternative, and any other alternatives identified. We will then put this DEIS document out for public comment. We will also hold another public meeting during the DEIS comment period. After we've received comments on the DEIS we will go back and revise the document and produce a final environmental impact statement (FEIS). This FEIS along with the Safety Evaluation Report will then feed into the hearing process and eventually be presented to the NRC Commissioners for a vote on whether or not to issue a license.

Hopefully this helps clarify what we are looking for at the upcoming scoping meeting. I am discussing with my management and attorneys the possibility of extending the comment period, however, I do not anticipate an extension. Please remember there will be another public meeting this Summer which should allow sufficient time to become familiar with USEC's Environmental Report.

Sincerely,

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>>> "Elisa Young" <elisay@earthlink.net> 12/28/04 09:19PM >>>
Who is the appropriate person to submit requests to for an extension of time regarding the scoping process/public comment period as it stands?

I don't believe that less than a month to read and process USEC's ACP application is adequate, and I think we should have additional time after the meeting to submit written comment. I work and don't have time to read the application that quickly, and there are other community members in the same situation.

I am still waiting for documents/responses I requested after the DOE/Bechtel Jacobs meeting at Piketon from a month ago. I would like to be certain that information for similar requests (following the NRC scoping meeting) would be available prior to the deadline for written comment.

Please let me know who to send a request to - the person who would be responsible for making the decision for an extension.

Thank you,
Elisa

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From: "Yawar Faraz" <YHF@nrc.gov>
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The purpose of this e-mail is to notify you of the restoration/availability of the non-sensitive portions of USEC Inc.'s Application and Environmental Report (ER) for the American Centrifuge Plant (ACP) proposed to be built and operated in Piketon Ohio. You may now access the documents by going to the following website:
<http://webwork:300/materials/fuel-cycle-fac/lic-app-docs.html>. You may also access the documents by entering the NRC's Agency-wide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS) at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>, where the accession numbers are as follows:

License Application ML043620096
ER ML043620221
Quality Assurance Plan ML043620245
Decommissioning Funding Plan ML043620096

Please note that along with these documents, you may also access at this

time, via the ADAMS Public Library, other non-sensitive ACP-related (Docket 70-7004) documents.

As you may recall, on October 25, 2004, the NRC had made ADAMS, which contained the ACP Application and ER, unavailable to the public.

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