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Ms. Colley,

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.

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License Application - ML043620096
Environmental Report - ML043620221

Quality Assurance Plan - ML043620245
Decommissioning Funding Plan - ML043620096

Please note that along with these documents other documents that are non-sensitive may also be found by searching related Docket number which is 70-7004.

Sincerely,

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The USEC ACP application docs (released Oct 8th amount to something over 1000 pages. I need a hard copy of the 1000 page report so I can be ready for the meeting on the 18th..

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