

September 6, 2005

Mr. Geoffrey Sea
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SUBJECT: TRANSMITTAL OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE PROPOSED AMERICAN CENTRIFUGE PLANT, PIKE COUNTY, OHIO AND REQUEST FOR CONSULTING PARTY COMMENTS

Dear Mr. Sea,

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has completed its initial National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review of USEC Inc.'s proposed American Centrifuge Plant. As you are aware, the NRC has previously indicated that we are using the NRC's National Environmental Policy Act review process for Section 106 purposes as described in 36 CFR 800.8. Additionally, the NRC has reviewed your August 9, 2005 request for consulting party status and in consultation with the Ohio Historic Preservation Office have determined that you meet the consulting party requirements of 36 CFR 800.2(c)(5).

As required under Section 106, the NRC has undertaken the steps of identifying and evaluating historic properties that may be affected by construction and operation of the proposed American Centrifuge Plant. The NRC found that there have been surveys conducted previously to find archaeological and historic sites in the area of the proposed project. In addition to these surveys, the NRC staff considered the information you provided in your NEPA scoping comments provided on February 2, 2005 and pleadings before the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel on February 28, 2005; April 1, 2005; July 18, 2005; and August 10, 2005; as well as the various emails you have submitted.

Enclosed is the "Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed American Centrifuge Plant in Piketon, Ohio, Draft Report for Comment." Section 3.3, "Historic and Cultural Resources," provides a description of the identification and evaluation process. Section 4.2.2 "Historic and Cultural Resource Impacts," presents the NRC's preliminary findings related to this undertaking, including a description of the "area of potential effects" and preliminary determinations of project effect.

In accordance with 36 CFR 800.8(c)(2) we are providing copies of the draft Environmental Impact Statement to the State Historic Preservation Officer, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, interested Indian tribes, consulting parties, and members of the public.

The NRC welcomes your input and comment on the findings of the inventory and evaluation effort and the preliminary determinations of effect on the identified historic properties. The NRC requests a response by October 24, 2005. Please feel free to respond in writing or to contact

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Ron Linton by phone at 301-415-7777 or e-mail at RCL1@nrc.gov. Mr. Linton will be happy to set up a meeting or telephone conference to facilitate the consultation.

Sincerely,

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Docket No.: 70-7004

Enclosures: As stated

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