

September 6, 2005

Ms. Kathleen Mitchell
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SUBJECT: CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT
SECTION 106 CONSULTATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED AMERICAN
CENTRIFUGE PLANT, PIKE COUNTY, OHIO: TRANSMITTAL OF
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

This letter follows a letter of March 14, 2005, in which the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) initiated consultation for the proposed American Centrifuge Commercial Plant. In a letter dated April 5, 2005, you requested additional information about archaeological and historical studies in the project area.

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. 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. The NRC hopes that this additional information allows the tribe to respond to the requests in our letter of March 14, 2005.

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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