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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF HOMELAND SECURITY PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE  
12 AT THE PORTSMOUTH AND PADUCAH GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT  
SITES

Dear Mr. Clark:

The purpose of this letter is to respond formally to your verbal request that we address the implementation of Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 (HSPD-12) - "Policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors" for the Portsmouth and Paducah gaseous diffusion plant (GDP) sites. As you are probably aware, the "Joint Statement of Understanding Between the NRC and DOE on Implementing the Energy Policy Act Provisions on the Regulation of the GDPs" dated December 20, 1993, states in part that "...DOE will retain responsibility for all access authorization programs with respect to the facilities leased by the Corporation and the Corporation itself." In addition, Section IV.D.1 of the "Memorandum of Understanding Between the Department of Energy and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission - Cooperation Regarding The Gas Centrifuge Lead Cascade Facilities at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant Site" dated March 24, 2004, states "DOE will continue to be solely responsible for all access authorization programs for USEC Inc., its subsidiaries, and subcontractors/vendors/partners."

With that being said, we consider that the Department of Energy (DOE), through its lease agreements with USEC Inc. and the United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC), and the agreements with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) listed above, is responsible for implementing HSPD-12 at the GDP sites, including areas that are leased by USEC Inc. or USEC. We understand that DOE has already promulgated a personnel security verification notice which, if implemented, will fulfill the requirements of HSPD-12. As such, the NRC acknowledges DOE's authority under its agreements with the NRC that are listed above to ensure that the HSPD-12 requirements are implemented for the portions of the GDP sites that are leased by USEC Inc. or USEC.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, I may be reached at 301-415-1995.

Sincerely,

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