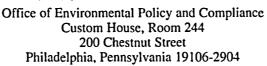


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Attention: Mr. Matthew Blevins

Dear Mr. Blevins:

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The U.S. Department of the Interior (Department) has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), NUREG-1834, for the Possession and Use of Source, Byproduct, and Special Nuclear Materials at USEC Inc.'s American Centrifuge Plant, Pike County, Ohio (Docket No. 70-7004).

The Draft EIS adequately addresses the concerns of the Department regarding fish and wildlife resources, as well as species protected by the Endangered Species Act. We concur with the conclusions of the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff with respect to the potential impacts of the proposed action and its reasonable alternatives on these resources and species. We have no comment on the adequacy of other resource discussions presented in the document.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments.

Sincerely,

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