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Subject: Comments on the DEIS related to the USEC application for the ACP proposed for construction and operation in Piketon Ohio

Please consider our following comments and concerns in response to your DEIS on the USEC, Inc application for license to construct and operate a centrifuge diffusion uranium enrichment facility in Piketon, Ohio.

We live nearby and downwind from the PGDP which is the site of the proposed ACP. As community members who will be affected by the environmental impacts of this proposed plant, we are strongly opposed to its construction and operation for the following reasons:

In projecting safety risks you have painted a rosy picture of USEC operations using injury rates from the old PGDP operations in 2002 and 2003. But operations at that USEC facility shut down in 2001 and have been on cold standby since that time. As you know, USEC has a disgraceful safety record. During the time that operations were in effect at Piketon (and Paducah) USEC received many NRC violations notices; many more than other nuclear materials handlers licensed by you. Why is this not factored into your assessment of the safety risks?

In the DEIS claims are made about the net gain of jobs for our community if USEC is licensed to proceed with the ACP. Figures as high as a net gain of 3,000 jobs are alluded to in the DEIS. However, using USEC's own data, we see that after the decommissioning of the old PGDP and with the operation of the proposed ACP there will actually be a net loss of jobs in the community. Even if we had no other concerns about the USEC proposal, we would have grave concerns about a project that promises to cost the community so much and pay back so little.

We are not convinced by your risk assessment of accidents, injuries and illnesses. Many unanswered questions remain about the transport of materials to and from the plant as well as the operations within and the clean-up of the old plant. We believe that long-term latent illnesses are understated in the report. We believe that the problem of safe, permanent storage of radioactive wastes generated over the past 50 years at that site and projected to be generated over the next 50 years at the site are still unsolved.

We wonder if we would even be having this conversation with you if we were not a poor, rural, Appalachian community that looks very much like the other poor communities that have been exploited by the energy corporations for the benefit of a few and to the detriment of the many.

We repeat, we are strongly opposed to the licensing of USEC for their proposed project and we urge you to deny the application.

Sincerely,

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