

February 18, 2003

The Honorable Richard A. Meserve, Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Re: Docket # 70-7003

Dear Chairman Meserve:

We stand united in presenting our support for USEC Inc.'s application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to build the American Centrifuge Demonstration Facility in Piketon, Ohio. As Governor and as members of the United States Congress, we have offered our support to USEC to fully utilize the existing centrifuge buildings, infrastructure, workers and community for this project.

Southern Ohio has supported the uranium enrichment industry for more than 50 years and the region is overwhelmingly embracing USEC's plans to deploy this test plant, and hopefully a full commercial plant in Piketon. The workers and residents understand the risks associated with uranium enrichment and we believe that USEC will continue to assure the safety of its workers and the community.

We recognize the importance of American Centrifuge Technology in sustaining a strong domestic uranium enrichment industry. Ohio is excited that USEC decided to make use of the existing centrifuge facilities for demonstrating the American Centrifuge and we stand united in inviting USEC to build its Commercial Plant here as well. It is our hope that the NRC will expeditiously review and approve USEC's license application as we are eager to see these facilities become operational again.

Sincerely,



Bob Taft
Governor



Mike DeWine
Senator

George V. Voinovich
Senator



Rob Portman
Congressman



Bob Ney
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