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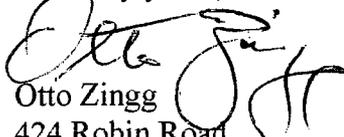
Dear Judge McDade:

I attended the hearing in Piketon last week, but had to leave before I was able to offer some comments. I hope it is not too late to submit these considerations for the panel.

1. **Waste disposal:** my understanding is that the site has yet to be cleared of earlier pollutants. As the USEC operation will be generating more dangerous waste, what guarantees does the community have that they will be safely disposing of it?? What outside agency will be monitoring the waste disposal process? Has any study been made of the increased cancer levels in Pike County, perhaps due to nuclear pollutants?
2. **Employment picture:** there have been promises about new jobs for Pike County residents, but we have been told such stories before, starting in the late 1950's. Has anyone outside USEC done a careful assessment of the economic payoff for this part of Ohio?
3. **Performance review:** often a licensee promises much more than they can or will deliver, in order to obtain approval from government agencies. Is there some kind of regular performance review, with penalties, that will be done with USEC?
4. **Ultimate purpose:** is the enriched uranium for use in power plants or is it for the development of "weapons of mass destruction"? Excuse my bluntness, but if a community is asked to offer supportive services for a new operation, we should have a clear understanding of its ultimate purpose.

Thank you for your attention to these concerns. I hope the panel takes these into consideration and would appreciate a response, at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,


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