

## **Department of Energy**

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Mr. Robert C. Pierson, Director Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Pierson:

In response to your letter of December 22, 2006, the Department of Energy (DOE) Oak Ridge Office (ORO) agrees to serve as the Designated Approval Authority (DAA) regarding the classified computer networks proposed by the United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC) Inc. for the deployment of centrifuge technology at Piketon, Ohio, and the development of this technology in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. DOE ORO will also serve as the DAA for any additional classified computer networks and network connections that may be added in the future by USEC.

As mentioned in the referenced letter, our staffs are developing the process for DOE ORO to provide the requested DAA support. I recommend that this process be finalized with our joint approval.

We look forward to supporting the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in this important endeavor that will support the deployment of the USEC centrifuge enrichment technology. The ORO point of contact for USEC DAA activities will be Randall M. DeVault at (865) 241-8277.

Sincerely,

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