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RE: USEC Inc. (American Centrifuge Plant), Docket # 70-7004

Office of the Secretary
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

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Dear Mr. Secretary,

We understand that the deadline for a petition to intervene in the United States Enrichment Corporation's license application to build a centrifuge plant near Piketon, Ohio, has not been extended from its deadline of today.

Intervenor status is accorded only on the basis of strict guidelines. The USEC license application must be available in order to properly prepare a petition to intervene in accordance with NRC guidelines. It has been unavailable to the public since the NRC pulled down its document access system in September, citing national security concerns.

Since the public has not been able to view this document, we are effectively barred from both a decision to intervene and developing contentions that would be accepted as valid for intervention.

The Central Ohio Sierra Club has concerns about issues such as waste generation and disposal, transport and storage of radioactive and other dangerous materials, cleanup costs, and possible conflict with nuclear non-proliferation goals or treaties.

Therefore, we respectfully requests an extension of the deadline for a petition to intervene in the USEC license application for a reasonable time, preferably 60 days, after the public again has access to this application.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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