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December 21, 2007

Mr. Peter J. Miner, Director USEC Inc. Two Democracy Center 6903 Rockledge Drive Bethesda, MD 20817

SUBJECT: BIENNIAL EMERGENCY EXERCISE

Dear Mr. Miner:

On November 10, 2007, the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PORTS) performed its biennial emergency exercise. The results of the NRC's evaluation of the certificatee's performance during the exercise is documented in Inspection Report 70-7002/2007-005, dated December 5, 2007, and concluded that the certificatee successfully demonstrated its operational readiness in implementing its Emergency Plan.

Since the PORTS Emergency Plan and implementing procedures are also used to meet the requirements in 10 CFR 70.22 for the Lead Cascade, the successful completion of this exercise also satisfies your requirement to perform a biennial exercise. However, please be aware that we would expect the PORTS emergency response organization to perform periodic emergency drills involving a radiological source term originating from the Lead Cascade, and that an inspector followup item (IFI 70-7003/2007-001-01) remains open to review the results of the first such drill.

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Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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