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Subject: Staff Review Status re: USEC-GDPs DFP, DU Plan and Financial Assurance for CY 2010

Steve,

This is to follow-up our phone conversation from this morning on the staff's review status relating to USEC-GDPs Decommissioning Funding Program (DFP), Depleted Uranium (DU) Management Plan, and Financial Assurance for Calendar Year 2010.

On May 7, 2010, USEC requested an expedited review and approval of its DFP as time-critical step in obtaining the release of encumbered cash for a \$90 million DOE-USEC Cooperative Research, Development and Demonstration (RD&D Agreement) project for the American Centrifuge Program. The staff indicated that upon reviewing the correspondence from USEC-GDPs, we would revisit its review schedule and continue to work with USEC-GDPs to be responsive to its request.

The staff has been reviewing your submittal dated December 30, 2009 (ADAMS Accession No. ML100760597) on changes to decommissioning funding program description and depleted uranium management plan and financial assurance for calendar year 2010, as supplemented by your letter dated April 6, 2010 (ADAMS Accession No. ML101180070), for Paducah and Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plants. In addition, the staff has reviewed your May 18, 2010, response to the staff's request for additional information (RAI) dated May 12, 2010 (ADAMS Accession No. ML101220238).

Based on the review performed to date, the staff does not have any additional questions at this time. Provided if the executed Surety Riders & Schedule B are found to be acceptable, which you provided to me today via a letter dated June 2, 2010, the staff would then consider the review may move forward with a resolvable decision.

Regarding updating the labor cost that was discussed in the RAI, the staff indicated that we would prefer to have the labor cost updated by USEC. However, USEC stated that updating the surety bonds to encompass an escalation in labor cost would be a very high administrative burden. Given that USEC-GDPs' next update will come to NRC for review in approximately 6 months, the staff considers that it is acceptable for USEC to update the labor cost as part of its Calendar Year 2011 update. The staff noted that USEC has provided a written commitment to update the labor cost estimate in its May 18, 2010, RAI response.

While this e-mail serves as an update to the status of the staff review, the staff's formal/written evaluation and decision of the proposed request will follow in the coming weeks. If you have any other questions, please advise.

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