

November 12, 2010

The Honorable Sherrod Brown
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Brown:

On behalf of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter of October 15, 2010, regarding maintaining appropriate security requirements at the United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC)/Department of Energy (DOE) site in Portsmouth, Ohio. As your letter notes, there are multiple activities being carried out at this site, some of which are regulated by the NRC while others fall within DOE's responsibility.

The security plan covering USEC activities at the Gaseous Diffusion Plant (GDP) and the American Centrifuge Plant facilities, which are regulated by the NRC, meets NRC requirements. Over the years, the GDP has requested several modifications to its security program. Each of these requests has been carefully reviewed by NRC staff to ensure that current security regulatory requirements are met or exceeded. The NRC staff will continue to review closely any requests to modify security measures.

I want to assure you that we closely examine the security at NRC-regulated facilities to ensure that NRC requirements are met. The NRC staff continuously receives and assesses information related to the threat environment to evaluate whether additional regulatory action is required.

If you need any additional information, please contact me or have your staff contact Ms. Rebecca Schmidt, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at (301) 415-1776.

Sincerely,

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Gregory B. Jaczko