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ATTN: Document Control Desk Ms. Catherine Haney, Director Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, DC 20555-0001

## American Centrifuge Plant Docket Number 70-7004; License Number SNM-2011 Submittal of Information Concerning Radiological Characterization Results for the American Centrifuge Plant

Dear Ms. Haney:

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this letter is to provide information to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to facilitate the transition of a Regulatory Oversight Agreement (ROA) storage area in the X-3001 Process Building from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) regulatory oversight to the NRC. Secondly, this letter is to notify NRC of an area that will transition back to DOE oversight.

#### Background

For the last several years USEC has systematically transitioned the American Centrifuge Plant facilities from DOE regulatory oversight to NRC oversight. One area within the X-3001 Process Building remained under DOE oversight on November 3, 2009 (Reference 1) as other X-3001 areas transitioned from DOE to NRC oversight. This ROA area was kept available for USEC Inc. (USEC) to store contaminated equipment and components if discovered during subsequent building renovations. This ROA area within the X-3001 Process Building is currently the only area in this building that remains under DOE regulatory oversight.

Secondly, the proposed ROA, located in a paved area at the exterior wall of X-7725, is within the grounds that were placed under NRC regulatory oversight on October 15, 2007 (Reference 2). USEC now needs this area to be placed under DOE regulatory oversight.

These areas are depicted on Enclosure 1 of this letter.

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#### **Discussion**

Currently, the X-3001 ROA area has no material stored within. Final radiological survey of this area, performed in accordance with the Radiation Protection and Waste Management program requirements, indicate the area to be less than the Free Release criteria stated in Section 4.8.2.4 of License Application for the American Centrifuge Plant.

Secondly, the proposed ROA area also meets the Free Release criteria.

#### <u>Action</u>

This submittal is being provided for information purposes only and no action is requested.

### **Contact**

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (301) 564-3470 or Terry Sensue at (740) 897-2412.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: As Stated

#### References:

- 1. DOE Letter from Randall DeVault to Brian Smith (NRC) regarding Transition of Regulatory Oversight Responsibilities for Trains 1, 2, and 4 in the X-3001 Process Building of the American Centrifuge Plant, dated November 3, 2009
- 2. DOE Letter from Larry Clark to Victor Lopiano (USEC) regarding Approval and Acknowledgement of the Lease and Sublease of X-2202 Roads under the Gas Centrifuge Enrichment Plant (GCEP) Lease, dated October 9, 2007

# Enclosure 1 of AET 10-0070

Map of X-3001 Process Building and North Face of X-7725 Recycle and Assembly Facility

