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SUBJECT: REVISION TO SECURITY PROGRAM FOR AMERICAN CENTRIFUGE
OPERATING, LLC - RESPONSES TO U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY
COMMISSION INSPECTION REPORT 07007004/2012201 OPEN ITEMS
(TAC NO. L34141)

Dear Mr. Miner:

This is in response to your May 7, 2012 (AET12-0029), letter transmitting USEC Inc.'s (USEC's) responses to the 8 open items identified in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Inspection Report No. 07007004/2012201, dated February 17, 2012. The 8 open items were identified during the operational readiness review that was conducted on January 17 through January 20, 2012, at the American Centrifuge Plant in Piketon, Ohio. The purpose of the review was to determine whether programs, procedures, and controls were in place to support implementation of American Centrifuge Operating, LLC (ACO) security program for the protection of classified matter.

The NRC staff has completed its review of your responses to the open items identified in the inspection report. Based on its review of the responses provided, the NRC staff concluded that your responses to items 1 and 4 through 8 are acceptable and, therefore, these items are being closed.

With respect to items 2 (register contracts that will support ACO) and 3 (identify individuals who will be working for ACO and extend their personnel security clearances), the NRC staff has determined that these will remain open until USEC completes actions to address these and submits its responses for approval. Until such time, approval for implementation of ACO's security program will remain on hold. It should also be noted that implementation of ACO's security program is contingent upon the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) approval of a United States Enrichment Corporation sublease of the DOE Portsmouth site to ACO.

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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Osiris Siurano at (301) 492-3117, or via e-mail to osiris.siurano@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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