

October 20, 2015

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Chairman, Subcommittee on Clean Air
and Nuclear Safety
Committee on Environment
and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Madam Chairwoman:

The Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (AEA) requires the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to periodically send reports to Congress discussing the health, safety, and environmental conditions at the gaseous diffusion uranium enrichment plants (GDPs) located near Paducah, Kentucky, and Portsmouth, Ohio. The previous such report covered the period from October 1, 2008, to September 30, 2013, and was sent to the congressional oversight committees on January 13, 2014. Enclosed is the most current report covering the period October 1, 2013, to February 2, 2015.

As detailed in the enclosed report, the United States Enrichment Corporation notified the NRC in June 2013 that it was terminating its uranium enrichment activities at the Paducah GDP. The enrichment activities there permanently ceased on July 25, 2013. The NRC terminated the Certificate of Compliance for the Paducah GDP on February 2, 2015. The Certificate of Compliance for Portsmouth's GDP was terminated by the NRC on October 12, 2011. Federal regulation of activities at the Paducah and Portsmouth sites is now provided by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

The enclosed report will be the final NRC report regarding the GDPs. As required by the AEA, the preparation of this report has been coordinated with the DOE and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Sincerely,

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Stephen G. Burns

Enclosure:
Report to Congress

cc: Senator Thomas R. Carper

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