Ms. Melanie Barger U.S. Environment Protection Agency 401 M Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20460

Dear Ms. Barger:

This is to inform you that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has published a proposed rule, "Certification of Gaseous Diffusion Plants", in the Federal Register (59 FR 6792) on February 11, 1994, for public comment. The comment period ends on April 12, 1994. A copy of the proposed rule and a comparison chart are enclosed for your information. A meeting to discuss the proposed rule has been tentatively scheduled for March 28, 1994.

As the Energy Policy Act of 1992 requires the NRC to consult with EPA on the certification of diffusion plants, we are particularly interested in your thoughts on the consultation process.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

John W. N. Hickey, Chief Enrichment Branch Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, NMSS

Enclosures: As stated

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