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Ivan Selin, Director
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
11555 Rockville Pike
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Dear Director Selin:

I have recently learned that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is in the process of adopting new rules for the operation of the gaseous diffusion plants in Piketon, Ohio and Paducah, Kentucky. Unfortunately, like many Ohioans who are concerned about the safety of these facilities, I did not learn of the proposed rules until the public comment period had closed.

Since few of those who would be affected by the new rules for these sites have access to the Federal Register where the rules were published, I respectfully request that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission reopen the public comments period for these rules and inform the general public by publishing a summary of the proposed rules and the rule making process in major daily newspapers in Ohio and Kentucky.

As public servants, you and I are very aware of the public's pessimistic view of the government, especially when highly technical issues are being discussed. I believe that by demonstrating a willingness to be accessible and accommodating to the public's desire to be a part of the process you will make great strides toward lessening the tension in your agency's relationship with the environmentally active. Reopening the public comment period on the new rules for the Piketon and Paducah gaseous diffusion plants would be a significant gesture toward this goal.

Sincerely,


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