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SUBJECT: PADUCAH OBSERVATION REPORT 70-7001/94001 (DRSS)

Dear Mr. Woolley:

This refers to the routine safety observations conducted by Mr. Kenneth G. O'Brien, of this office, from June 20 through July 30, 1994, of United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC) activities at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant. Our observations were discussed with Messrs. Charles Martin and Steven Polston and members of their staffs at the conclusion of the observation period.

Areas reviewed during the observation period are identified in the report. Within these areas, the activities consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, and observations.

Based upon the areas observed, certain of the activities at the Paducah Plant appeared to be outside of management's expectations. Significant among these is your staff's knowledge and use of procedures. Many of the observations of weak performance appeared to have as a contributing cause some staff's weak appreciation for or lack of rigorous implementation of existing procedures. Additional management attention in these areas appears warranted. We have provided Department of Energy (DOE) a copy of this report for their review.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning these observations.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY W. L. AXELSON

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W. L. Axelson, Director
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Docket No. 70-7001

Enclosure: Observation Report
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United States Department of Energy
ATTN: Mr. Dale Jackson
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Dear Mr. Jackson:

Attached for your information and use is a copy of the first report of observations conducted by Mr. Kenneth G. O'Brien, of this office, from June 20 through July 30, 1994, of United States Enrichment Corporation activities at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant. The report documents NRC observations during the period as a part of our mutual efforts to transition the regulatory oversight responsibility for these facilities from the Department of Energy to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The results of our observations were discussed with your Site Safety Representatives (SSRs) and the USEC plant management throughout the observation period and during an exit meeting at the conclusion of the period. We are aware that you are tracking many of these issues as a part of your present regulatory responsibility and that you have communicated these and other issues to USEC through your recent monthly inspection reports. We intend to formally transmit this report to the USEC within the next week.

We will gladly discuss any questions you have concerning these observations.

Sincerely,

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