

MR. BEVILL:

Please describe your program to approve the operations of the U. S. Enrichment Corporation when activated on July 1, 1993.

CHAIRMAN SELIN:

There are two aspects to NRC assumption of regulatory responsibility for the U. S. Enrichment Corporation (USEC): (1) development of standards, and (2) certification of USEC compliance or a plan for compliance. NRC is working closely with the Department of Energy (DOE) on the transition, and I have personally met with Secretary O'Leary to discuss it.

With respect to development of standards, we began the necessary technical and legal work as soon as the Energy Policy Act passed in 1992, and we will meet the statutory deadline for issuance of standards by October 1994.

DOE has submitted documentation to NRC which describes current enrichment plant operations and safety requirements. NRC is reviewing this document.

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