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September 15, 1995

Mr. Rick Cee, Director
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Dear Mr. Cee:

This letter is to inform you that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received a revised application from the United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC) for the certification of gaseous diffusion plants (GDPs) at Paducah, Kentucky, and Piketon, Ohio. As you know, USEC's first application was rejected on May 5, 1995 because NRC determined that USEC's April submittal did not adequately address the standards NRC had established for the GDPs. NRC's decision to reject the application was not a determination that the operations of the plants are unsafe. NRC originally intended to issue a certification decision in October 1995. However, because the original application was rejected, NRC now plans to issue a decision in February 1996. The public meetings to be held for each plant to solicit public input on the initial certification of these plants have been rescheduled. The meeting for the Paducah Plant will be held on December 5, 1995, at 7 p.m., in the Paducah Information Age Park Resource Center, 200 McCracken Boulevard, Paducah, Kentucky. The meeting for the Portsmouth Plant will be held on November 28, 1995, at 7 p.m., in the Vern Riffe Joint Vocational School, 23365 State Rt. 124, Piketon, Ohio.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of the application for both the Paducah and Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plants. Copies of NRC regulations, the USEC application, and other related documents are available in the NRC Public Document Room located at 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., and the Local Public Document Rooms at the Paducah Public Library, 555 Washington Street, Paducah, Kentucky, 42003, and the Portsmouth Public Library, 1220 Gallia Street, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662.

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You may submit written comments on the application for certification of the Paducah Plant or the Portsmouth Plant for consideration by the staff. Comments on the application should be submitted by November 6, 1995. If you have any questions concerning the application, please contact Ms. Yen-Ju Chen of my staff at (301) 415-5615.

Sincerely,

John W. N. Hickey
Enrichment Branch
Division of Fuel Cycle Safety
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Enclosure: Certification Application

cc: S. Mallinger, OSHA, w/o enclosure

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