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Dear Mr. Toelle:

PORTSMOUTH GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT - DOCKET NO. 70-7002 - DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY APPROVAL OF A CHANGE TO COMPLIANCE PLAN ISSUE 23R

On May 12, 1999, the Department of Energy (DOE) received a request from the United States Enrichment Corporation to modify the DOE-approved proposed Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PORTS) Compliance Plan Issue 23R, *Plant Changes and Configuration Management (Reopened)*, transmitted May 10, 1999. The request from the PORTS Plant Operations Review Committee asked for wording to clarify when a Nuclear Criticality Safety review is required for plant change requests.

DOE approves the requested change. On page 3 of Issue 23R, in the Justification for Continued Operation, paragraph 2, Design Requirements, change the second sentence to read:

"All requests for engineering services involving plant changes are reviewed and approved by the Change Control Board (CCB) which includes criticality safety expertise, *as required*."

If you have any questions or comments on this change, please contact me at (423) 576-0802.

Sincerely,

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