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COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE
UNITED STATES ENRICHMENT CORPORATION'S PROPOSED AMERICAN
CENTRIFUGE PLANT

The Central Ohio Sierra Club is concerned with the amount of radioactive material being brought to and generated at the Piketon site. We would like to have the EIS state limits to the importation of uranium and the amount of waste and tailings that will result from the ACP enrichment process. We would like to see a plan for disposal of the DUF6 that will be a byproduct of the ACP. There is already a very large backlog of DUF6 waiting to be converted to DU oxide, since the conversion plant is behind schedule in its construction. We would like the EIS to state if or how the DUF6 from the ACP will be converted and the DU oxides disposed of. The planned DOE conversion facility cannot accept private waste from ACP. Envirocare, who has been named as the recipient of the ACP waste, is not currently able to store the amounts of radioactive materials being sent there, and they are sitting beside the road.

The according to calculations by PRESS (Portsmouth/Piketon Residents for Safety and Security), the new facility would create a total net LOSS of 1,558 jobs. If the site were converted to Enterprise Zone type of manufacturing, spending the same amount of money would create 25 times the 600 jobs projected by USEC. The DEIS treats alternatives poorly. For example, there was very little discussion of the benefits of cleaning up the site and using Enterprise Zone initiatives to industrialize the site. The Sierra Club would like to see this type of analysis in the DEIS.

The DEIS blindly follows USEC's analyses. The DEIS based its conclusions without adequate investigation, on faulty assessments and studies (including assessing unknowable risks), on false statements, on incompetent modeling, and on bad advice. In short, the DEIS has done little in the way of independent investigation of the USEC application.

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