

September 13, 1996

Mr. Joe W. Parks
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U. S. Department of Energy, EF20
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Oak Ridge, TN 37831

Dear Mr. Parks:

In accordance with the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued the initial certification decision for the U.S. Enrichment Corporation to operate the two gaseous diffusion plants located at Paducah, Kentucky, and at Piketon, Ohio.

Enclosed is the notice of issuance of the certification decision which is being published in the Federal Register.

We appreciate the assistance which the Department of Energy (DOE) has provided to NRC on the certificate process. As previously agreed, NRC intends to assume regulatory jurisdiction over the plants from the Department on March 3, 1997.

We look forward to continued cooperation with DOE during the transition period.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

John W. N. Hickey, Chief
Enrichment Branch
Division of Fuel Cycle Safety
and Safeguards

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