



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

November 29, 1996

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The Honorable Frank H. Murkowski
Chairman, Committee on Energy
and Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

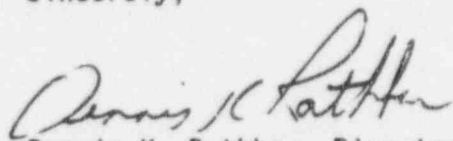
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Consistent with a recent statutory change enacted in the USEC Privatization Act (Public Law 104-134), allowing a certification period of up to 5 years, the initial certificates are effective for a period of approximately 2 years, with expiration dates of December 31, 1998. USEC will be required to file an application for renewal by April 15, 1998.

The Energy Policy Act also requires that NRC report annually to Congress on the status of health, safety, and environmental conditions at the enrichment plants. Our initial report to Congress on the status of USEC's compliance will be issued in approximately one year.

Sincerely,


Dennis K. Rathbun, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs

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cc: Senator J. Bennett Johnson

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The Honorable Dan Schaefer, Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Power
Committee on Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Dennis K. Rathbun, Director
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cc: Representative Frank Pallone



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Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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cc: Senator Bob Graham



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Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
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cc: Representative Tom Bevill



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