

November 29, 1996

Mr. James H. Miller
Vice President, Production
U. S. Enrichment Corporation
2 Democracy Center
6903 Rockledge Drive
Bethesda, MD 20817

SUBJECT: CERTIFICATE AMENDMENT REQUEST - PORTSMOUTH GASEOUS DIFFUSION
PLANT WITHDRAWAL STATIONS STANDBY OPERATIONAL MODE (TAC NO.
L32006)

Dear Mr. Miller:

This refers to your certificate amendment request dated November 8, 1996, requesting a revision to the definition of the Withdrawal Stations Standby Operational Mode for the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PORTS).

The PORTS certification application states in Technical Safety Requirement 2.5.1 that the withdrawal loop vent valve(s) shall be in the "closed" position in the Standby Operational Mode. Your November 8 letter requested revision to this mode's definition to allow the flexibility to open the vent valves in this mode. In your amendment request, no information was provided for criticality safety, without which the NRC staff is unable to conclude that there would be no reduction in safety for the facility in granting your requested change to your approved certificate application. Please provide additional information to address NRC staff concerns related to criticality safety; these were discussed by telephone with Mr. Mark Smith of your staff and PORTS personnel on November 25, 1996. Please reference the above TAC No. in future correspondence related to this request.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Yawar Faraz at (301) 415-8113 or Mr. Carl Sawyer at (301) 415-8174.

Sincerely,
Original Signed By

Robert C. Pierson, Chief
Special Projects Branch
Division of Fuel Cycle Safety
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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

FOR OPERATION OF GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANTS

Pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, Title II of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, as amended (88 Stat 1242), and Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 76, and in reliance on statements and representations heretofore made by the applicant, a certificate is hereby issued. This certificate is issued to certify that operation of the Gaseous Diffusion Plant identified in No. 5 below is in compliance with the standards set forth in Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 76, "Certification of Gaseous Diffusion Plants." This certificate shall be deemed to contain the conditions specified in Section 183 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and is subject to all applicable regulations, and orders of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission now or hereafter in effect and to any conditions specified below.

1. CERTIFICATE NUMBER GDP-2	2. REVISION NUMBER 0	3. EXPIRATION DATE December 31, 1998
4. ISSUED TO (Name and Address) United States Enrichment Corporation 2 Democracy Center 6903 Rockledge Drive Bethesda, MD 20817	FACILITY AND LOCATION Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant Buxton, OR	
5. ROCKET NUMBER 0-700		
7. CONDITIONS This certificate is conditional upon fulfilling the requirements of 10 CFR Part 76, as applicable, and the conditions below.		

8. The United States Enrichment Corporation shall conduct its operations in accordance with the statements and representations contained in the Certification Application dated September 15, 1995, and revisions dated January 19, 1996, May 31, 1996, July 26, 1996, August 1, 1996, and August 12, 1996, and in the Compliance Plan submitted July 12, 1996, July 15, 1996, July 18, 1996, and the revision submitted August 1, 1996.
9. The United States Enrichment Corporation shall conduct its operations in accordance with the Technical Safety Requirements that are contained in Volume 4, Revision 5 of the Application dated August 1, 1996, as modified by Revision 6 of the application dated August 12, 1996. Changes to the Technical Safety Requirements shall require NRC approval prior to implementation.
10. This Certificate of Compliance shall become effective on March 3, 1997. The NRC shall assume regulatory jurisdiction from the Department of Energy at 12:01 AM on March 3, 1997.

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SUPPLEMENTARY SHEET

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11. The United States Enrichment Corporation is hereby granted the special authorizations and exemptions in Chapter 1, Section 1.8 of the Safety Analysis Report Revision 5.
12. The United States Enrichment Corporation is hereby granted an exemption from the requirements in 10 CFR 76.31 and 76.36 requiring submittal of a renewal application for the year 1997. The next renewal application shall be filed by April 15, 1998.

Date: November 2, 1996By: [Signature]Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards
Washington, DC 20545