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Proposed Transfer of Approximately 340 Acres of Property at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant to the Southern Ohio Diversification Initiative

Dear Mr. Clark:

The United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC) appreciates the Department of Energy's (DOE) response dated February 26, 2009 regarding the above subject. As you are aware, there were subsequent letters exchanged in late July, 2009, on this subject. We had anticipated providing a definitive response to DOE by October 30, 2009 stating whether USEC would exercise its right to lease the area in question from DOE under Section 3.4(a) of the *Lease Agreement Between the United States Department of Energy and the United States Enrichment Corporation* dated July 1, 1993 (the Lease).

The Southern Ohio Clean Energy Park Alliance (the "Alliance"), of which USEC and the Southern Ohio Diversification Initiative (SODI) are members, previously sent a letter to the Secretary of Energy in June, 2009, requesting certain information from DOE by October, 2009. Since the Alliance has not yet received a response to its request, it has asked USEC (with SODI's awareness) to request an extension of 120 days before making a decision whether to exercise its right to lease the area in question. This extension would hopefully allow sufficient time for DOE to respond to the above request and for the Alliance to address and resolve any outstanding issues.

Please contact R.B. Starkey, Jr. at 740-897-2101 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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